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New "Young Farmer" Welcomed

AMONG the many messages received congratulating the C.G.C. and Y.F.C. federations on the decision to combine their publications are the following:—

From the Minister of Agriculture

THE Minister of Agriculture, Mr. K. J. Holyoake, writes:—



THE appearance of the "Young Farmer" incorporating the "Country Girls' Newsletter" in new, enlarged form is a notable event in the comparatively short histories of your two movements. The Y.F.C. federation recently celebrated its 21st birthday and the

C.G.C. federation has been in existence for 7 years. Each has made notable progress in an era in which youth has been offered an almost bewildering choice of activities. Each organisation has come to be recognised as an integral part of the rural scene.

Though the two movements are nominally independent of each other, I know that in districts fortunate enough to have one of each kind of club the two are often closely associated in the significant contribution they make to the social and cultural life of the countryside.

The merging of your two publications will, I hope, serve to show the members of each movement clearly the aspirations of the other and pave the way to further co-operation. I hope that the new publication will be used freely by each federation to spread its message. Each body has a great job to do in the years ahead. Where members of a great movement—and I think your movements can claim with modesty to be within this category—cannot meet in large groups like the memberships of urban bodies the exchange of ideas and news by the printed word becomes of special importance.

The histories of the rural communities of New Zealand may be short, but they are rich in traditions of neighbourliness, of perseverance in the face of hardship, of co-operative enterprise, and of individual achievement. I trust that your new joint publication may be a medium for helping to keep alive these traditions.

As science enters more into our daily lives it may appear to the rising generation that it is an important end in itself instead of being merely a means to an end. More important to our way of life than these things are the building of character and the encouragement of self-reliance and community service. I hope this new publication will be a great help in the attainment of these things.

From the Grand Patron

THE Grand Patron, Mr. A. C. Cameron, writes:—



IT gives me great pleasure to wish this new publication every success. It is a forward move which should be welcomed by all who have the welfare of the young men and women of New Zealand country districts at heart.

The new publication should do two things. It should interest our country girls in the activities of the Young Farmers' Clubs and vice versa, and it should bring to those districts which do not yet sponsor a Country Girls'

Club some indication of what they are missing.

I am convinced that there is a place for both organisations in most farming districts and that they can be a real stimulus to each other.

Twenty-one years ago, when the New Zealand Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs was formed, prominent persons through New Zealand spoke of the steady drift of young people to the towns because of the lack of interests and companionship in many country districts.

It can be truly said that the Young Farmers' Club movement has done much to stop that drift and to attract many from town to country.

It is in this respect that the Country Girls' Clubs can play a valuable role and I look forward to the future with confidence.

Good luck to the new publication and to the two movements which should provide the vitality to make it a success.

From the Y.F.C. Federation

THE Dominion organising secretary of the Y.F.C. federation, Mr. S. Freeman, writes:—



THE publication of this combined magazine is definitely a step in the right direction. It could well become a milestone in the history of both the Country Girls' Clubs and the Young Farmers' Clubs of New Zealand. I am

certain that it will encourage even greater co-operation between the two movements to their mutual advantage.

I have no intention of reviving the time-worn controversy as to whether or not the Y.F.C. movement should open wide its doors to admit girls to full membership. Had the Y.F.C. movement at its inception followed the pattern set by similar youth movements overseas and included young women in its membership, there would never have been any argument! However, watching the two movements now growing up side by side, with the Y.F.C. movement in the role of older brother to the C.G.C. movement, I am of the opinion that the best purpose is served by two separate organisations, provided they work together for mutual benefit and for the welfare of the young people in the country as a whole.

I have seen the Y.F.C. movement stimulated in a number of districts by the advent of Country Girls' Clubs, and similarly I believe that some of the most active and progressive of the Country Girls' Clubs are among those whose formation was sponsored by Y.F.C.s. Both movements are of great value, and as long as they can maintain an interest in one another's activi-

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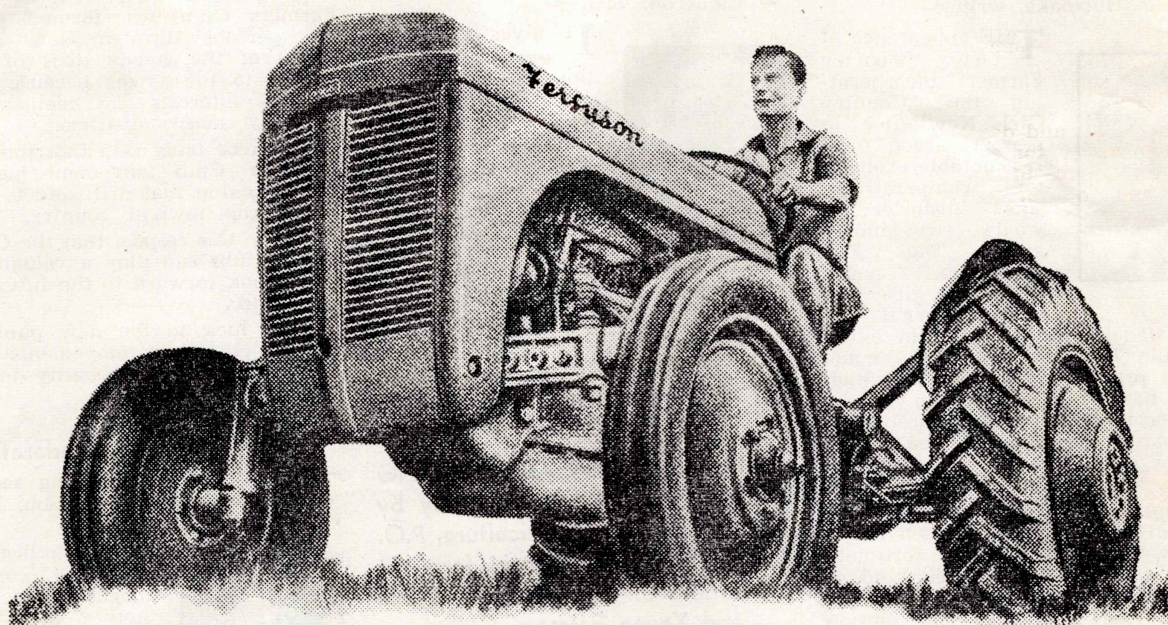
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ties and well-being, they can go forward "hand in hand" and work together in harmony.

It is to be expected that the main activities of the two organisations will differ according to the interests of their members. It is encouraging, however, to find how much they have in common, apart from the social aspects of club work. Already Country Girls' Clubs are adopting such activities as stock judging and rifle shooting, in which the competitive spirit is a very definite incentive to success. Those activities and debating can provide opportunity for the members of both organisations to meet in friendly rivalry and to mutual benefit. The greater the co-operation, the stronger will become the link between the two movements—and that is essential, for they are both striving to assist the youth of the community.

From the C.G.C. Federation

THE organising secretary of the C.G.C. federation, Mrs. Doris Thorn, writes:—



THE new magazine has certain obvious advantages for the C.G.C. federation. The federation has now outgrown its 4-page "Newsletter". For some time lack of space has caused a serious time lag between the receipt of news and its publication and has made it difficult to introduce new material. The new magazine should enable an improvement to be made on these points.

However, there are other big advantages in having a combined magazine. The Y.F.C. federation, being a larger organisation, is able to conduct activities which are not yet within this organisation's scope. Reports of such activities as exchanges with the United Kingdom and the experiences of Y.F.C. members travelling abroad have been regularly reported in the "Young Farmer". Now such reports will reach C.G.C. members, who will learn from them much about farming and life in other countries.

The reports of Y.F.C. activities in New Zealand will also interest C.G.C. members and may give them ideas for new activities to include in their programmes. It is hoped that Y.F.C. members will learn from and enjoy many of the C.G.C. contributions to the joint magazine. No doubt a knowledge of the work of the federation as a whole will be added to their present knowledge of the activities of their local C.G.C.

The publication of a joint magazine emphasises that the organisations have many aims and interests in common. To those outside the two movements the new magazine will demonstrate this link.

Waipa District Annual Dinner

Food Production is a Responsible Calling

"YOURS is a responsible calling," said Sir William Jordan, formerly New Zealand High Commissioner in London, addressing the Waipa District's annual dinner at Te Awamutu. "You are farmers and your job is, perhaps, the most important job there is. You are producing food and your job is to supply it to the people who are crying out, 'give us this day our daily bread'."

"PRICES have been good, and speak of things temporal, that is what our prosperity rests on. New Zealand is at present in a prosperous position and the state of finances is good. This was borne out recently when the provincial appeal for £55,000 was made to fight cancer. They didn't get £55,000—they got double that amount, which just shows that the money is there for the right purpose," said Sir William.

But conditions were not so good in other parts of the world, and the attitude that should be adopted was that the farmers in New Zealand could help others to live. Others wanted food and without it they would starve.

Sir William recalled the newspaper headlines in war-time England when it was announced that New Zealand would ship another 10,000 tons of butter each year to Britain. The immensity of the task of feeding Britain's millions could be appreciated from the fact that 10,000 tons of butter would mean only an extra 2oz. per person each year.

Wanderlust Survives

The speaker said that New Zealand should not lose any sleep over the loss of some of its best men to other countries. "A century ago our grandfathers and great-grandfathers, most of them from Great Britain, got the wanderlust and left their homeland to travel to distant countries. Some of them even went as far as they could on this earth—to New Zealand. This spirit cannot be got out of the system in a few generations, and it is only natural that the young people wish to travel," said Sir William.

It was often lamented that there were not as many people working on the farms these days and that too many people were going to the cities to work. With mechanised farming there was not the need to have large numbers working on the farm, and people working in the factories making farm machines were doing the job of the old farm workers, said the speaker.

Sir William was thanked by R. Gaston, immediate past district chairman.

The visitors were welcomed by the district chairman, M. Mexted, who also proposed the Loyal Toast. The toast of "The Federation" was proposed by the Mayor of Te Awamutu, Mr. C. F. Jacobs, who congratulated the federation on attaining its

majority. Mr. W. A. Smith, Dominion vice-president, replying, acknowledged the congratulations offered to the Y.F.C. movement on its 21st anniversary and thanked the borough council for the consideration it had shown.

The Y.F.C. movement was very much alive, said Mr. Smith, and this had been made clear at the recent 21st anniversary celebrations at Dunedin. The baby which the founders had brought into being 21 years ago had blossomed to become a healthy, strong movement run entirely by young people for young people. He pointed out that how much members got out of the Y.F.C. movement depended on the members themselves and he considered that if members' aims were to better the Y.F.C. movement, it would go from strength to strength.

Palmerston Club Inspects Trials

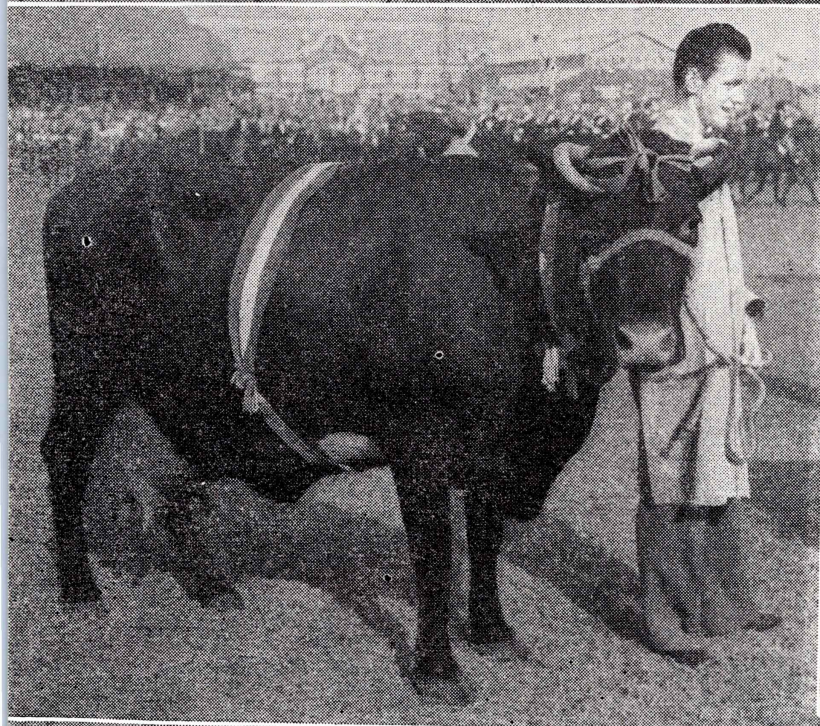
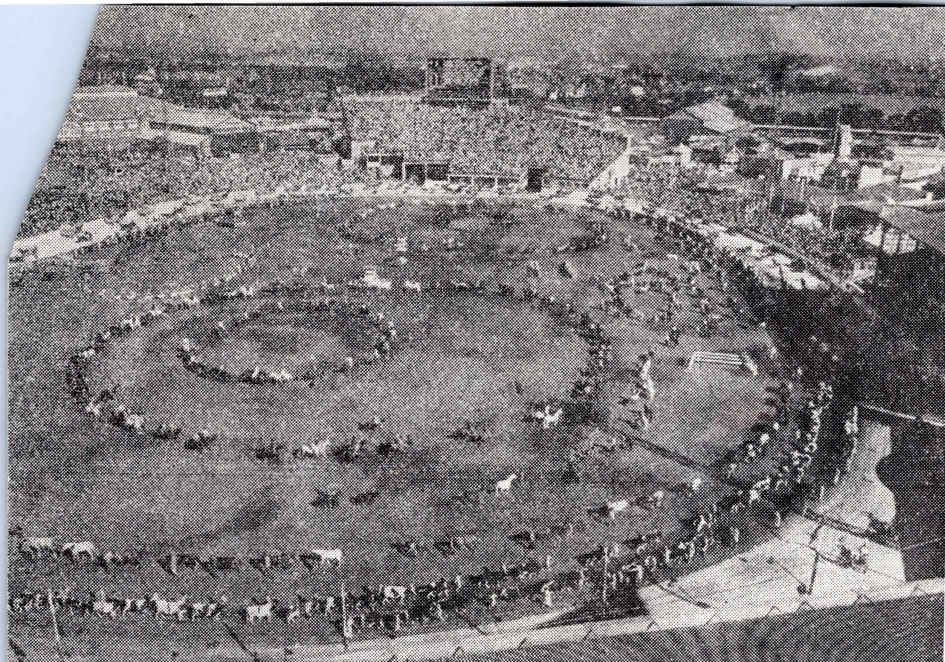
PALMERSTON Club (Dunedin) members, accompanied by Mr. H. K. Edie, Fields, Instructor, Department of Agriculture, Palmerston, inspected turnip, swede, and pasture trials on the properties of Messrs. D. Hewson, Flag Swamp, and R. G. Hudson, Goodwood. At Mr. Hewson's the party inspected the turnip and swede plots, and comparisons were made between plots sown with New Zealand and imported seeds. The New Zealand seed appeared to be the better. Complete details were given regarding the fertilisers used. At Mr. Hudson's farm members inspected the pasture trials, and Mr. Edie described the manurial treatment given to each. No noticeable differences were apparent at the time owing to the dormant winter period.

—R. WALKER,
secretary, Palmerston Club.

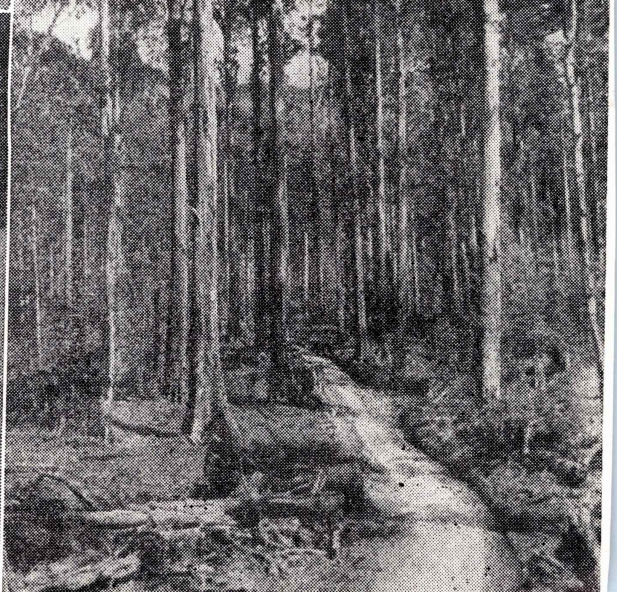
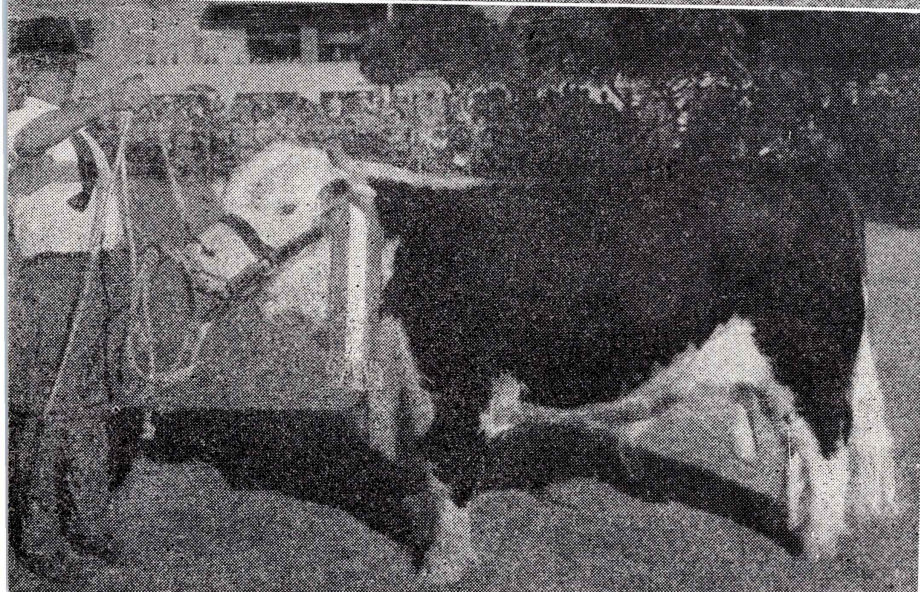
Ohaupo Club at Freezing Works

FOURTEEN members of the Ohaupo Club (Waipa) spent a day at the Auckland Farmers' Freezing Co. Ltd.'s works at Horotiu. Members saw bobby calves pass through all stages from slaughtering to the placing of the calf fillets in tins and the final sealing. They were then shown over the freezing chambers and the wool and hides departments.

—J. L. WILSON,
secretary, Ohaupo Club.



John
Hayman's
Visit to
New
South
Wales



Dairying Conditions and Methods in New South Wales

A COMPREHENSIVE account of the first half of his 4-months exchange tour in Australia has been sent by John Hayman, Studholme-Willowbridge Club (Waimate). In his report, which follows, John describes the pastures, stock, dairy farm methods, climatic conditions, and natural resources that he saw in Australia.

I SPENT the first 5 days of my tour in the Junior Farmers' Camp at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. The 85 boys and girls in the camp came from all parts of Australia, England, Scotland, and New Zealand. The English and Scottish representatives, Colin Thomson and George Parker, had just completed a 6-months tour of New Zealand.

The showground, which is about 80 acres, is a maze of paved streets and enormous buildings surrounding a central ring. The show was open for 10 days and 6 nights, during which hundreds of thousands of people from all parts of Australia and many other countries inspected the exhibits.

One of the most striking aspects of the show was the complete absence of sheep. The showground is not big enough to cater for them and all the other stock at the same time and therefore a special sheep show is held in June.

The most magnificent displays at the show were the district exhibits. Each of four districts of New South Wales arranges a display of produce from within its boundaries. These exhibits occupy about half of one of the biggest buildings on the ground. The size and quality of the produce have to be seen to be appreciated.

Housed in the same building was an exhibit made by the Junior Farmers of New South Wales. Everything in this display was grown by Junior Farmers, and it rivalled in both quality and size the district exhibits. It attracted a lot of attention and was an excellent way of bringing the movement before the public.

← Some of the scenes visited by John Hayman during his visit to New South Wales. Upper left—The grand parade at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Upper right—An important development in the New South Wales banana industry is the use of plastic bags to protect growing fruit in winter and spring. The bags intensify the sunlight, and larger, more mature fruit results. Middle—The champion Australian Illawarra Shorthorn cow Alne Bank Dorothy 12 at the Sydney Royal Easter Show exhibited by Mr. G. E. Chittick, Gerringong, New South Wales. Bottom left—This Hereford bull, Windsor Byron, was entered in the 15-months-old and under 18-months-old section. He won the senior and junior championships. Bottom right—A typical stand of Australian mountain ash, which is one of the 360 varieties of eucalyptus. They grow to 300ft. and are the tallest hardwoods in the world. Australian News and Information Bureau photographs.

Besides inspecting the show the members of the camp were engaged in several educational activities. These included stock and produce judging, a visit to Hawkesbury Agricultural College, and an inspection of two Sydney wool stores. On the night before the camp broke up we had a farewell dinner and dance at the girls' quarters.

Dairying on the North Coast of New South Wales

I lived on dairy farms on the north coast of New South Wales for 7 weeks. Topographically this area is very similar to Westland. It is a very coastal plain rising to steep and broken hill country, mostly covered with forest, and farming is confined to small flat areas in the river valleys, except in the Coffs Harbour area, where a large quantity of bananas are grown on steep hillsides.

Pastures

The pastures are mostly natural grass, often of very low feeding value. It is only in recent years that the farmers have realised the value of improved pastures. A common mixture for improved pastures contains paspalum, short-rotation ryegrass, and red and white clover.

The ryegrass and clovers provide good feed during winter, but tend to die out in summer because of excessive heat. A new grass known as kikuyu has just been introduced from South Africa. It grows in the summer and, as it has a very high protein content (about 17 per cent.), it may make it unnecessary to try to cultivate clovers in the hot season.

Weed Infestation

Most of the improved pastures have to be ploughed up every 3 years, because they become badly infested with weeds. Droughts and floods are two reasons for this terrific weed growth, but it is also due to not enough care being taken in preparing seedbeds and not enough seed being sown.

Many farmers have never heard of a roller and consequently the usual 10lb. to 14lb. of seed are sown in very loose and rough soil. It is quite common for a farmer to plough a paddock out of grass, disc it twice, and then sow down again, the seed usually being broadcast by hand. There are too few pasture seeds to choke out the weeds, which consequently take control within 3 years.

Stock

Dairy cattle are the only stock of any great importance on the coast. The most popular breeds are the Australian Illawarra Shorthorns and the Jerseys. The A.I.S. is a dual-purpose animal capable of producing good beef and large quantities of fairly rich milk.

However, the cows are big bodied and therefore take much more feeding than the Jerseys.

Generally, the cows on the coast are of a poor milking capacity, and this, combined with poor pastures and droughts, brings very low returns. The Australian average is about 160lb. of butterfat per cow per lactation compared with New Zealand's 255lb. However, it must be remembered that the Australian dairy farmer is concentrating on milk production for local consumption rather than on butterfat production for export. As long as the milk-supplying farmer gets over the required 3.2 per cent. butterfat content he is quite satisfied. Herd testing is not widely practised, though it is available to any farmer who is prepared to pay about 15s. per cow per year.

Crops

The two main crops on the coast are corn and saccaline, a variety of sorghum, both of which are used mainly for winter feed for the cows. Saccaline is smaller than sugar cane and it contains a sweet sap. The cows like it either in its natural state or made into silage.

A certain amount of the corn is allowed to ripen and is used to feed the pigs throughout the year. The soil on the river flats is often very fertile and some can produce 150 bushels of corn to the acre. Because of this wonderful fertility rotational cropping is practically non-existent.

I heard of one farmer who has grown corn in the same paddock for 30 years, and many have had it in one paddock for 5 years. It has become customary to call the corner of the holding which is cropped "the farm" and the rest is just the area over which the cows graze.

Since the war most farmers have bought tractors and today very little cultivation is done with horses. However, other types of machinery such as haybalers and silage choppers are very scarce as yet. Most of the hay is still stacked loosely and little silage is made.

Climate

One of the greatest hindrances to farming on the north coast is the climate. There seems to be no happy medium—there is either a drought or a flood. During the last 5 years floods have been very frequent and some farms have been completely under water two or three times a year. The result is that the farmers do no expensive cultivation before sowing, because so many of their crops are ruined. Because of this weeds are not properly checked, and every time the water comes over the land it brings more weed seeds. This year has been wetter than ever, and many farmers have been unable to get on to their land since the middle of January. I saw a farmer who, to ensure having oats for winter feed, scattered the seed by hand among weeds 3ft. high and then chopped up the soil with a rotary hoe.

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That was all the cultivation that crop got. However, these farmers are to be greatly admired for the wonderful pluck they have shown in these areas against such terrific odds and after so many setbacks.

Housing

The farm houses on the coast are of a low standard. It is rare to find a home with a hot-water system or a septic tank, and quite a number of the houses have never been painted. On nearly every farm the house is the last consideration, and often the cow bails are in better condition than the house. However, nearly everybody owns a late model car.

Timber

The timber resources on the north coast are staggering to a New Zealander. Enormous forests of hardwood stretch for what seems like hundreds of miles in every direction. Many farmers have an area of bush from which they cut all the fence posts and timber that they need. Iron bark, gums of all types, stringy bark, and mahogany are some of the most plentiful trees.

Bananas

Around Coff's Harbour large quantities of bananas are grown on some of the steepest cultivated country that I had seen. The steep slopes, which consist mainly of rocks, with heavy fertilising grow some of Australia's best bananas. The value of this country is about £1000 per acre. The rocks are thrown in for no extra cost!

Maitland Flood

During my tour I spent an afternoon inspecting the flood-damaged city of Maitland. When I read the reports of the damage I thought they must have been exaggerated, but having seen the chaos, I am sure that every word the newspapers printed was true. Whole streets of houses have been completely wiped out and many others severely damaged. In one place I saw a 30 m.p.h. limit sign half buried in 5ft. of silt. Some of the best farm land in Australia has been covered with 10ft. of sand and thus rendered useless. The damage is really beyond description.

Otakeho Club at Cheese Factory

NINE members of Otakeho Club (South Taranaki) inspected the Skeet Road cheese factory, which was built last year. Mr. J. Ross, manager, conducted members around the various departments and stressed that good-quality cheese could not be made from poor-quality milk. A lot depended also on the starter. A noticeable feature was the number of labour-saving devices installed with the new machinery. It was evident that the new factory and machinery made the work much easier.

—W. WILSON,
secretary, Otakeho Club.

Blenheim Wins Marlborough District Shooting

MARLBOROUGH District Committee annual miniature rifle shooting contest again proved to be a popular activity with the clubs. Thirteen teams entered, one being a team from Blenheim C.G.C., which gained sixth place. Blenheim Club A team won the contest with a comfortable margin and thus become holders of the Marlborough Federated Farmers Cup. Wairau Valley was second and Blenheim B third. Members of the winning team were R. Dodson (captain), P. Dodson, G. Carr, I. Paynter, and L. Lobell.

DETAILED scores in the contest were as follows:—

Team	1st round	2nd round	3rd round	4th round	5th round	6th round	Totals
Blenheim A ..	473	490	467	478	472	470	2850
Wairau Valley ..	400	455	421	443	437	441	2597
Blenheim B ..	396	431	435	452	409	450	2573
Rai Valley B ..	407	432	409	444	430	438	2560
Flaxbourne A ..	434	409	414	405	444	441	2547
Blenheim C.G.C. ..	389	405	446	434	410	431	2515
Flaxbourne B ..	378	369	411	422	421	449	2450
College B ..	373	364	340	369	349	446	2241
College A ..	318	295	425	428	373	344	2183
Linkwater ..	338	286	385	358	407	373	2147
Seddon B ..	326	327	264	315	365	325	1922
Seddon A ..	354	427	380	365	—	—	1526
Rai Valley A ..	328	349	—	—	334	344	1355

—W. R. CRAWFORD,
secretary, Marlborough District Committee.

North Otago Trials Competition

HERBERT Club (North Otago), with 65 points, was placed first in the trials competition sponsored by the North Otago Progress League. Five Forks Club, with 35 points, was second, and Totara-Weston Club, with 31 points, was third.

THERE were 16 pasture topdressing trials, one manurial trial on a forage crop, one manurial trial on a cereal crop, two lucerne trials, and three forage crop trials. The aim was to investigate practices and ideas which might be applied to agriculture in North Otago to increase production.

The scope of the trials included experimental work with types and rates of fertilisers, trace elements, grass and clover strains, lucerne varieties, wheat, oats, barley and linseed varieties, types of greenfeed, hormone weedkillers, soil conditions, cultivation practices, and erosion control. Simple comparative plots were used for the investigations. The entries were judged on the volume and scope of work by the club, its over-all standard of work, and the use of the work made by the club.

Some of the rules may interest other districts which may consider organising similar competitions. The North Otago competition closed on 15 October. Entries for investigations decided on but not begun by closing date had to have a note indicating the date of commencement.

The following were required: Written reports on the laying down of the trial (materials used, quantities, etc.); a plan showing location of trial on farm and layout of trial; progress reports at not less than 2-month intervals; a final report and summary when the trial was completed in the judging year.

The judges' report stated that the emphasis on topdressing trials indicated to some extent the desire of farmers to obtain knowledge of the fertility problems of their soils. There was probably no better way of getting such information than by a large number of well-planned experiments, such as were seen in the competition.

The work of the Herbert Club had a clear lead over that of other clubs because of the number of investigations undertaken and the neatness of the work.

Individual Placings

The individual placings were:—

G. Dalziel (Five Forks Club), 36 points, 1; W. McKerrow (Herbert Club), 33, 2; W. MacMillan (Herbert Club), 32, 3.

The judges stated that the winner conducted two trials and had managed and recorded them well. Perhaps the best-managed single trial was that of the entrant placed second. The trial was well fenced, neatly marked out, and it was obvious that a considerable amount of work had gone into it.

Some entries could have scored many more points if better observation had been made of the various plots and if the observations had been well recorded. The worth of crop variety trials depended on some form of measurement of yields, and such trials which have not been completed should form the basis of entries for next year, even though they are completed before field judging.

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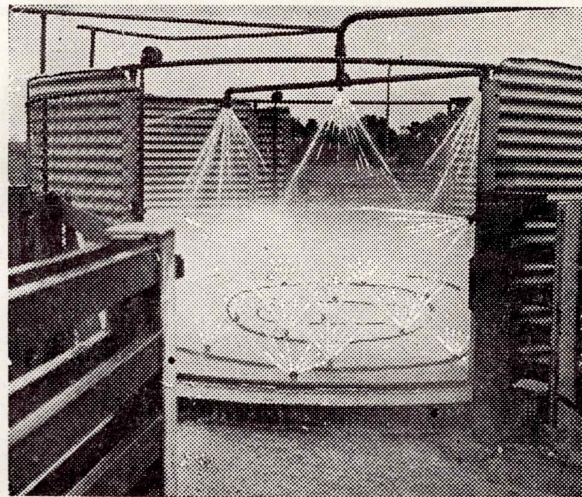
Mr. Wilfred Mexted, Pahautanui, says:—

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Four American I.F.Y.E. Visitors Arrive for 6-months Tour

THE four Americans who are visiting New Zealand for about 6 months under the I.F.Y.E. Scheme, sponsored in New Zealand by the Dairy Board, arrived at Auckland by air on Monday 17 October. They will stay with farm hosts throughout the country until early April of next year.

AFTER a night in Auckland the visitors were taken to Wellington, where they spent a few days at the head office of the New Zealand Dairy Board in preparation for their tours. The party comprises two young women and two young men. They are Phyllis Graham, in her 22nd year, Pauline Hilton, aged 23 years, Elmer Holtan, aged 30 years, and Don Carlson, aged 24 years.



Phyllis Graham is from North Carolina, where she lives with her parents on a medium-sized farm which produces hay, corn, and small-grain crops, with dairy cattle as the main livestock. She attends the Women's College of the University of North Carolina, and she

intends to undertake extension work after completing her course. She is experienced in looking after the young dairy stock and in gardening and has special interests in square and folk dancing and outdoor sports.



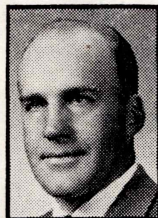
Pauline Hilton is one of a family of seven girls and two boys. She lives with the family on their medium-sized farm at Anson, Maine, and attends Maine University, where she is studying home economics. She plans to become a teacher of home economics. The family farm is

devoted mainly to crops, including beans, which have been a special interest of Pauline's. She is particularly interested in singing and has had experience in leading discussion groups.



Don Carlson works on his father's dairy farm in New York State. He has three sisters. In addition to having dairying experience he is familiar with small-grain and corn cropping. Don is especially interested in group recreation work and community activities. He

is a member of the 4-H Club movement, Future Farmers of America, and Rural Youth Clubs movement, and is a keen Boy Scout supporter.



Elmer Holtan, the senior of the party, works with his father on a cropping and beef-raising farm at Falkirk, North Dakota. He has one brother and one sister. Elmer has taken a general agriculture course at North Dakota Agricultural College, and he continues to serve the 4-H Club movement as a leader.

Wheat, rye, oats, barley, and flax are the principal crops grown on the family farm, where emphasis is placed on beef production. For recreation he is keenly interested in riding.

First Visits

Pauline Hilton and Elmer Holtan travelled to the South Island for their first visits, both being billeted in Canterbury. They were due to be guests at the Royal Show at Christchurch early in November with the two United Kingdom exchange scheme visitors, Gordon Moore and John Walton, and Brian Lintern, of South Australia. Phyllis Graham was first billeted in Oroua Downs Club area (Manawatu), and Don Carlson went to Central Taranaki.

Tasmanian Member Favours Girl Membership

"YOU have a good organisation, but I think it could be improved by the admission of girls into the movement". George Hanslow, the Tasmanian Junior Farmer who recently spent 4 months in New Zealand on an official exchange trip, wrote this from home in thanking the federation for the hospitality he had enjoyed in the Dominion and in summarising the high lights of his tour. George favoured the admission of girls to clubs and compared the mixed clubs of Tasmania and elsewhere with the clubs of New Zealand. He thought the New Zealand clubs lacked something important in their functions.

ONE of the most exciting portions of George's tour was a day visit to Matakana Island, near Tauranga. George and a party of mainland hosts were shown over the island by members of the Matakana Island Maori Club. A tour of the area was under-

of the federation at Dunedin in June. George had been able to attend the various functions and had thus been able to meet many members he would otherwise not have seen. He also was present at the national stock judging competitions at Gore on 4 May.

Poultry Keepers' Courses

COMMERCIAL and domestic poultry keepers are invited to attend the refresher course to be held at Massey Agricultural College next February. The course will be an opportunity for poultry keepers to learn improved methods and to meet experts and leaders of the industry and fellow poultry keepers. Copies of the course programme will be available shortly from secretaries of poultry clubs, the Registrar, Massey Agricultural College, and the Secretary, the New Zealand Poultry Board, P.O. Box 379, Wellington. Members may also be interested in the poultry farmers' refresher course to be held at Canterbury Agricultural College, Lincoln, from 8 to 10 May 1956.

Like Home

The South Island, especially parts of Canterbury and Otago, seemed to George to be like Tasmania, in climate and farming methods particularly. He was impressed with the possibilities of increased production from aerial over-sowing and topdressing of the South Island hill country.

Grassland farming of the North Island presented something quite different to George, and it appealed to him very much. Visits to Massey Agricultural College and the Department of Agriculture's Ruakura Animal Research Station had been further high lights of his North Island tour. As one keenly interested in pig husbandry at home George had been particularly anxious to study the round farrowing houses at Ruakura.

George concluded his report with an expression of gratitude to all his hosts and others who had made his tour so well worth while. He had learnt much of value to his future farming career and had enjoyed New Zealand's scenery and hospitality. He considers such exchange tours of real value and hopes to see them continued for years to come.

taken by tractor, and George saw all there was to see. The school on the island provided morning tea and lunch for the visitors.

21st Celebrations

Another high light of the tour had been the 21st anniversary celebrations

Successful C.G.C. Competition Day at Darfield



SEVEN of the 11 clubs in the Canterbury District took part in the 4th annual competition in the area, organised by the district committee at Darfield.

THERE were 495 entries, 169 in the needlework section, 119 in the cooking section, 82 in the photographic section, and 125 in the decorative section.

The special annual prize for the best afternoon frock, chosen in a mannequin parade for style, fit, suitability of design, and workmanship, went to Joan Thompson, Darfield Club, for her pale blue figured nylon frock with fitting top and bouffant skirt.

The function was officially opened by Mrs. R. S. Gunn, of Darfield, who is advisory member on the Dominion Executive Committee. The mannequin parade followed, and then the judges of each section gave constructive criticism on the entries. The judges' report stated that there was a considerable improvement in all classes. Competitors and organisers found this most gratifying.

The Cottle Shield, awarded to the club gaining the most points over all, was won by Ellesmere Club. The silver button for the girl gaining the most individual points went to Florence Gallagher, of Mayfield Club.

The results were:—

Club points: Ellesmere 121, Lincoln 108, Darfield 82, Mayfield 75, Sheffield 53, Ohoka and Districts 34, and Eifelton 6.

Section winners: Cooking, J. Michael (Darfield); needlework, F. Gallagher (Mayfield); decorative, J. Ford (Ellesmere); photographic, G. Mayer (Lincoln).

—M. ROBINSON,
reporter, Canterbury District
Committee.

Above—From left: Miss Pickering, Canterbury president, Miss P. Robinson, Dominion president, Mrs. R. S. Gunn, who opened the event, Miss N. Mulholland, and Miss E. Jackson, secretary, Christchurch District Committee. Below—Some of the flower arrangements entered by members. Photographs, including cover photograph, by V. C. Browne.



Exchanges, "Young Farmer", Gift Coupons, and Annual Meeting

OVERSEAS exchanges, the new, enlarged "Young Farmer", the A.C.W.W. gift coupon project, the 1956 annual general meeting, and alterations to standing instructions were among the subjects discussed at the first meeting of the 1955-56 Dominion Executive Committee at Wellington on 7 September. Two members were unavoidably absent.

THE recent conference was reviewed and suggestions were made for improving further the organisation of future conferences. It was decided that the rules for the Clematis Cup public speaking contest would not be altered.

New Magazine

The Dominion Executive Committee was asked to appoint a sub-committee to discuss the title of the new magazine with a Y.F.C. committee. The C.G.C. sub-committee reported to the meeting that the title agreed on was "The New Zealand Young Farmer". Under this title would appear the words "Official organ of the federations of Country Girls' Clubs and Young Farmers' Clubs".

Overseas Tours

The arrangements made for the exchange with a New South Wales member were approved. The Junior Farmers' Clubs of New South Wales are to be asked to send their representative to New Zealand as soon as possible. Hostess clubs will be asked to pay equal shares of the travelling costs of the visitor while she is in New Zealand.

The federation had received an invitation from Western Australia to send a representative there within the next few months. As the federation did not have enough money to send representatives to New South Wales and to Western Australia at the same time, the Dominion Executive decided that this invitation must be declined. However, Western Australia is to be invited to send a representative to New Zealand this summer and a request made that this federation postpone the return visit until next year.

A.C.W.W. Gift Coupon Project

About £40 had been donated by clubs to the A.C.W.W. gift coupon project. A.C.W.W. is to be asked to spend the donations on whatever articles are most needed in Ceylon.

1956 Conference

The committee discussed whether a dance should be included in the programme for the next conference. Members were concerned with the problem of ensuring that sufficient partners would attend and realised that this problem became greater as the size of the conference increased. The conference sub-committee was asked to discuss the matter.

Standing Instructions

[For the information of new members a standing instruction is a rule made by the annual general meeting, the Dominion Executive Committee, a district committee, or a club for the conduct of its activities or business.]

A number of alterations were made to the standing instructions on overseas exchanges. In future the minimum age for applicants for selection will be 18. The maximum age will be 30, unless the maximum age of the host country's members is less than this, when the federation's upper age limit would be reduced accordingly.

Isolated members will no longer be required to provide references when applying for selection.

The standing instructions on travelling expenses payable by the federation were also fully reviewed. As a result the secretary and the Dominion Executive Committee now have a complete guide as to what claims may be made and allowed.

A discussion was held on the national debating contest, which is being organised by the Western Bay of Plenty District Committee. This committee was asked to submit proposals for the rules at the next meeting.

A sub-committee has been given the task of making arrangements for the essay and humorous paragraph competitions.

New Clubs

The following clubs were registered: Limehills (Southland); Ongarue (Tauranga); Bethlehem (Tauranga); Nightcaps (Southland); and Seadown (Timaru). Note: Clubs registered at the June Dominion Executive Committee and not previously reported are: Eltham (Taranaki); Matakana (Northland); Warepa-Romahapa (Balclutha); and Amuri and Fernside (North Canterbury).

Isolated Members

New isolated members are Misses E. Bartley (Coromandel), N. McFarlane (Tatuanui), H. Black (Heriot), V. Babbage (Kawhia), P. Scott (Picton), P. Ravenwood (Eketahuna), and G. Rutland (Seddon).

Representative Chosen for N.S.W. Trip



Miss Janet Townshend.

MISS JANET TOWNSHEND, of Sheffield Club, has been chosen as the federation's representative to visit New South Wales. Janet is 18½ years of age and has been a member of her club for 1½ years. She is now club chairman and a delegate to the Canterbury District Committee. She

has lived all her life on her parents' farm at Darfield, 32 miles west of Christchurch. The farm covers 325 acres, and sheep farming and cropping are carried out. Janet helps, mostly in the house, but assists with farm work in peak periods.

One of Janet's hobbies is floral art, and she has attended two short courses at Canterbury Agricultural College, Lincoln. She has received a number of awards at local flower shows. Other interests are dressmaking, table tennis, and swimming.

Janet arrived in New South Wales on November 1 and will leave for home at the end of February. She will no doubt be a good ambassador of the federation while she is in Australia and will have much of interest to tell members on her return. The federation wishes her a very happy stay in New South Wales.

Janet was chosen from 12 candidates by a committee consisting of the chairman of the New Zealand Meat Producers Board, Mr. J. D. Ormond, B.E.M., the assistant organising secretary of the Y.F.C. federation, Mr. H. C. A. Wards, the Dominion president, Miss Peggie Robinson, and the C.G.C. federation secretary, Mrs. Doris Thorn. The Meat Board kindly made a grant of £50 toward the cost of the exchange.

Roxburgh Y.F.C. Looks Back on 21 Years of Endeavour and



ROXBURGH Club (Central Otago) held its 21st anniversary celebrations on 5, 6, and 7 August. The club was formed on 10 August 1934 through the efforts of Mr. R. T. Kinaston, who thought that a club could be established in the district. Special references were made at the celebrations to a group of men who had the foresight and the enthusiasm to launch and foster the new movement among the young men of the farming community.

AT that first meeting Mr. S. D. Blomfield, then general secretary of the young federation, was present, as well as Mr. Kinaston, and 12 prospective members. The first chairman was R. George, and the first secretary was M. Kinaston.

Over the years the interests of the club members expanded to include field days, debates, and sports. During the Second World War, with many members overseas, the club went into recess, but early in 1946, with its members returning, it began to grow stronger than ever until today, with a membership of 52, it is the biggest of the eight clubs in Central Otago.

Anniversary Dinner

On Friday 5 August 150 people sat down at the club's anniversary dinner at which T. E. A. (Tim) Graham was toastmaster. The Rev. W. C. Charteris said grace.

After the Loyal Toast Mr. G. N. Jeffery, Mayor of Roxburgh, welcomed the visitors and spoke on the Y.F.C. movement and the work that clubs were doing to bring young country people together.

M.P. Guest Speaker

Mr. J. H. George, M.P. for Central Otago, was guest speaker. He gave an interesting address on land settlement as it pertained to rehabilitation and to the settling of young farmers on the land. He also spoke of land improvements and overseas marketing of produce.

A. Tambllyn, in thanking Mr. George, said he hoped the Government would give every assistance in the settling of Young Farmers.

The toast to the Y.F.C. movement was proposed by Mr. S. R. Whyte, Dunedin. Mr. A. C. Cameron, M.B.E., the federation's Grand Patron, and Mr. G. J. Pullar, Dominion president, replied.

Mr. R. George, the club's first chairman, lit the candles on the anniversary cake and Mr. M. Kinaston blew

them out. Mr. S. Freeman, Dominion organising secretary, cut the cake and wished the club all the best for the future. The two-tiered cake was made by Mrs. C. J. Woodhouse and iced by her daughter, Mrs. J. Booth.

"The Roxburgh Club" was proposed by Mr. G. G. Calder, District Soil Conservator, Department of Agriculture, Dunedin, the first district secretary for Central Otago. Mr. R. T. Kinaston, the founder of the club, and L. Wilson, the present chairman, replied.

D. Frame toasted "The Neighbouring Clubs", and W. Gibson, Moa Flat Club chairman, replied.

"The Department of Agriculture" was proposed by G. A. Bain. Messrs. A. G. Elliott, Fields Superintendent,



The birthday cake being cut by the Dominion organising secretary, Mr. S. Freeman.

Progress: Foresight and Enthusiasm of Pioneers Well Repaid



HEADING PHOTOGRAPH: The company being addressed by Mr. J. H. George, Member of Parliament for Central Otago. All photographs on this page by J. F. Shepherd, Alexandra.

Dunedin, J. Coombe, Horticultural Instructor, Christchurch, and P. B. Gow, district Y.F.C. secretary, Alexandra, shared the response.

In a toast to "The Ladies and Country Girls" Mr. P. Kelly thanked the ladies of the district for the help that they had given. Mrs. R. Sherriff, president, Roxburgh W.D.F., and Miss B. King, Roxburgh C.G.C., replied.

Commemorative Shield

During the dinner a handsome shield was given to the club by Mr. K. Wright. This shield contained the names of all chairmen, secretaries, advisory members, and life members of the club during its 21 years of activity. E. Graham received the shield and thanked Mr. Wright for his valuable donation.

A humorous item was given by E. Graham and Mr. Ross.

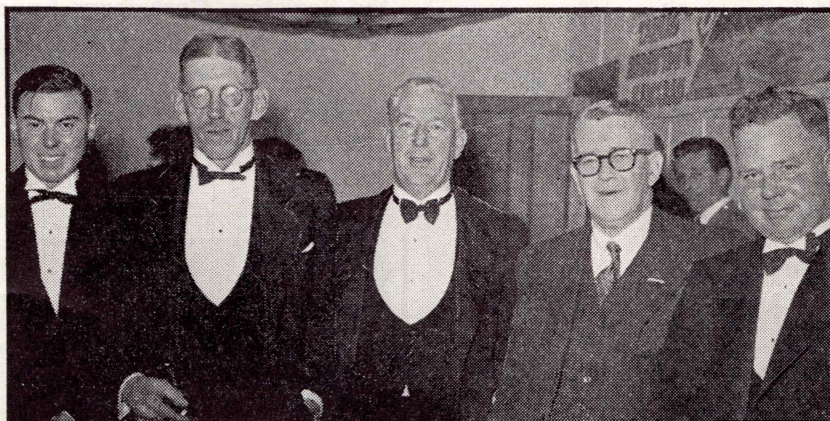
After the dinner a ball was enjoyed by over 200 couples. The grand march was led by E. Graham and Mrs. MacDonald, and a savoury supper was served by the local mothers.

Tour of Hydro-electric Project

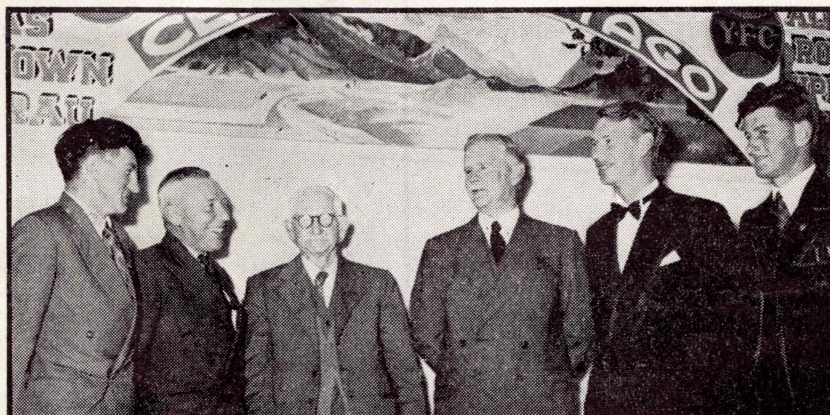
On Saturday morning a tour of the Roxburgh hydro-electric scheme enabled all present to see the latest developments. In the afternoon several attended a football match between Millers Flat and Roxburgh Clubs.

There was a large gathering at the Memorial Hall on Sunday for a special church service conducted by the Rev. W. C. Charteris in memory of those who fell overseas. Mrs. J. George unveiled a Y.F.C. memorial plaque in the church.

—D. FRAME,
Roxburgh Club.



From left: Don Frame (usher), Mr. P. B. Gow, district secretary, Mr. Gordon Calder, first district secretary and now District Soil Conservator, Department of Agriculture, Dunedin, Mr. S. Freeman, Dominion organising secretary, and Mr. Arnold Bain, a life member of the club.



From left: Mr. Gordon Pullar, Dominion president, Mr. S. R. Whyte, a patron of the federation, Mr. R. T. Kinaston, founder of the club and life member of the club and federation, Mr. A. C. Cameron, Grand Patron of the federation, E. Graham, chairman of the anniversary committee, and J. Mouat, chairman, Otago-Southland Council.

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Alexandra Club Celebrates 21st Birthday

THE Alexandra Club (Central Otago), formed in August 1934, marked its 21st birthday with a ball and a dinner on 19 and 20 August. Though 21 years old, the club has not been in operation continuously, as it was in recess from 1941 to 1952. Several of those at the celebrations had been associated with the club since its inception.

OVER 100 couples attended the ball on 19 August. The hall was beautifully decorated with streamers of blue and gold relieved with greenery, and Y.F.C. back drops were prominently displayed. J. Muir and J. Taylor were masters of ceremonies.

Anniversary Dinner

At the anniversary dinner in the Bendigo Hotel, Alexandra, on 20 August the official party included Messrs. G. J. Pullar, Dominion president; J. L. Mouat, council chairman; W. Hunt, district chairman; J. Nevin, a past council chairman; and G. G. Calder, District Soil Conservator, Department of Agriculture, Dunedin, who was the district's first secretary. In proposing the toast to the founders of the organisation Mr. G. D. Taylor referred to the excellent services rendered to the movement in its early stage by Messrs. R. B. Tennent, A. C. Cameron, and J. E. Davies. Mr. Calder, the district's first secretary, had been a tower of strength, and it was mainly due to his efforts that clubs were formed throughout Central Otago.

First Meeting

At the inaugural meeting, which was presided over by Mr. E. J. Iversen, chairman of Federated Farmers, an address was given by Mr. S. D. Blomfield, general secretary of the young New Zealand Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs. The decision to form a club was taken on the motion of Messrs. W. Cummock and P. Ryan, and the first officers were Messrs. W. Cummock, chairman, and A. Kinnaird, secretary. The senior advisory member was Mr. J. Muir, sen., and he maintained an active interest in the club in this position until 1953, when he was succeeded by Mr. G. D. Taylor. Another foundation member who has continued to give assistance as an advisory member is Mr. C. E. Weaver.

Toast to the Club

The Mayor of Alexandra, Mr. G. Campbell, proposed the toast of the Alexandra Young Farmers' Club. He congratulated member on the progress shown over the past 21 years. Theirs was an organisation to be proud of, and the educational and recreational facilities available to members were unsurpassed, he said.

In reply A. Clare, club chairman, said members had a proud tradition to uphold and they were aware of the important part they must play in the future of the country. Membership of the movement gave members the opportunity to gain experience in public

speaking, debating, tours, and other activities, thus helping them to meet the many problems facing the world today. As the farmers of tomorrow they were the future guardians of 95 per cent. of the nation's wealth.

Past Members

D. Love proposed the toast to past members. In reply Mr. C. E. Weaver outlined many of the difficulties faced by members in earlier years, when the club had no regular meeting place and

Former Active Member as Cattle Judge

THE value of Y.F.C. stock judging competitions is shown by the success of Mr. K. Lambert, Dannevirke, who competed successfully in club, district, council, and national contests throughout his career as an active Y.F.C. member. Mr. Lambert made his debut as judge at the Wairarapa and East Coast A. and P. Show at Carterton on 28 and 29 October in the Hereford and Short-horn classes. Mr. Lambert attributes much of his success as a judge to the experience of Y.F.C. competitions and to the instruction derived from the demonstrations of the official judges.

meetings were held in private homes. Conditions had changed considerably, however. Where one car had once sufficed to carry as many members as possible to a meeting at Galloway, today, if there were 16 members attending, there would be 16 cars.

The last dinner held by the club was in 1938, when Mr. J. C. Wilson donated a cup for the annual 7-a-side Rugby tournament among Central Otago clubs. This competition had lapsed, and the cup was now awarded to the club gaining most points in all district activities. Former members to whom Mr. Weaver paid tribute included Messrs. R. White, P. Ryan, and J. Cummock.

The decorated birthday cake, complete with candles, was ushered in with ceremony. The candles were lit by Mr. P. Ryan and Mr. J. Cummock, and the cake was cut by Mr. O. McCarthy.

The Council

The toast to the Otago-Southland Council was proposed by J. Muir, jun., who expressed his pleasure at the presence of Mr. G. J. Pullar, Dominion

president. Mr. Pullar replied and congratulated members on their enthusiasm. In the past the movement depended on the Department of Agriculture for its existence, but clubs were now expected to stand on their own feet.

Mr. J. Nevin added his congratulations. He had first become associated with Alexandra Club when he was council chairman, and he had since maintained interest by frequent visits. He urged members not to rest on their laurels but to carry on the traditions laid down by their predecessors.

J. L. Mouat, chairman, Otago-Southland Council, endorsed previous remarks and said that Alexandra Club was a good example to other clubs in the council area.

The next toast, "The District Committee", was proposed by J. Taylor and replied to by W. Hunt, chairman.

Replying to the toast, "Kindred Organisations", proposed by Mr. S. Attfield, Mr. J. C. Sanders, chairman, Alexandra Federated Farmers, said Y.F.C. members had a great responsibility in the future development of New Zealand. Young people today had every opportunity, and it was their duty to produce more and more for the world's markets. Mr. S. Campbell, president of the local fruit-growers' association, also spoke.

Other toasts included "The Department of Agriculture" (proposed by R. Schaumann and replied to by Mr. P. B. Gow, district Y.F.C. secretary); "The Press" (J. Reid and W. Wilkinson), and "The Photographer" (J. Muir and J. F. Shepherd).

—J. TAYLOR,
reporter, Alexandra Club.

Napier Boys' High School Shearing Instruction

NAPIER Boys' High School Club (Central Hawke's Bay) members held a field day in the school woolshed. Mr. V. Nesdale, a New Zealand Wool Board shearing instructor, was the crutching instructor. Mr. Nesdale demonstrated the setting of a handpiece and emphasised the need for care.

After Mr. Nesdale had crutched several sheep, showing each phase carefully, each member crutched several sheep while he watched and pointed out mistakes and means of rectifying them. Everyone seemed to have benefited from the instruction.

Mr. Nesdale showed how to look after a handpiece and how to set a new comb by rubbing the points with emery paper to round them off and then polishing them on a pine board or wool bale.

—D. J. HARRIS,
secretary, Napier Boys' High School Club.

Ellesmere C.G.C. and Y.F.C. Hold Successful Combined Ball

THE club colours of blue and gold were used to decorate the hall in which the Ellesmere C.G.C. and Y.F.C. held their recent ball.

Two hundred and fifty people attended and saw the mock presentation of "debutantes". The names chosen by "debutantes" and escorts were "Madame Fifi", escorted by "Sir Archibald Reasonby"; "Miss Bertha Sidlebrook", escorted by "The Duke of Southbridge"; "Miss Agrocide Hormone", escorted by "George B. Pynes"; "Miss Bobby Calf", escorted by "Mr. Tiny Bull"; "Miss Marilyn One-row", escorted by "Mr. Speed Steer"; "Miss Rhoda Dendron", escorted by "Mr. Dan de Lion", and "Miss Rosemary Clueless", escorted by "Mr. Harry Louder". The compere was "Sir Nitro Lime" and "Lady Lime".

The "debutantes" were presented by the Ellesmere Club president, Miss J. McLachlan, to Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Lill and Mr. and Mrs. W. Johnson. Sprays were presented to the guest of honour, and the "debutantes" received posies.

Streamers and snowballs were an added attraction.

—M. PEARCE,
secretary, Ellesmere Club.



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"Debutantes" and their escorts appeared to enjoy themselves at the ball held by the Ellesmere C.G.C. and Y.F.C.

Milton Club Caters for Ploughing Match

MEMBERS of Milton Club catered for the annual ploughing match held by the Ploughing Match Association. The match was held in a paddock about 2 miles from Milton and members were kept busy supplying food for all the hungry men present.

The Ploughing Match Association supplied the shed and installed in it three stoves and a copper. Members brought legs of mutton, corned beef, pies, and bread the day before the match. Everybody then set to work and cooked the meat, made jellied beetroot, and prepared the soup so that everything was ready when the day began. All the vegetables were supplied by the girls, but cutlery and crockery were hired from a local business firm.

The day was wet and cold, but this did not daunt club members and advisory members. Potatoes and turnips were peeled and cooked in pressure cookers and the soup was kept hot in a milk can on the stove.

Trestles were set up, plastic cloths were laid, and jellied beetroot and plates of bread and butter were laid at intervals on the tables.

At 12 o'clock the men began to arrive. Some girls took their places as waitresses, others dished out vegetables and pies, and others acted as dish washers and driers.

Members charged 3s. for dinner and supplied morning and afternoon teas of sandwiches and mixed cakes for 1s. 6d. It was still raining at the end of the day, but Milton Club had made a profit of £10, and members thought it had been a most successful day.

—RACHEL SANDERS,
Milton Club.

Manurewa Club Hears Talk on Switzerland

IN June members of Manurewa Club (Auckland area) heard an interesting talk on Switzerland and its peoples from Miss Z. Brunnschweiler, who comes from Switzerland and is at present at Ardmore College.

The speaker was clad in her native costume, that of Geneva. She said that Switzerland is divided into 22 small areas, or cantons. Some cantons speak French, some Italian, and some German. The lowest canton is about 1200ft. above sea level. Farming is very different from that in New Zealand; it is intensive and no land is wasted. The stock spend most of their time indoors and are only put out to graze in autumn. The farm houses are large and half of each house is used to house the animals. The stock are fed on hay, which is stored in large barns.

The speaker also told of the way of life of the people of the mountain farms and of the winter sports.

Waitane's Birthday Ball

THE third birthday of Waitane Club was celebrated on 3 June in the form of a ball. Unfortunately it was a very wet night, with floods obstructing the roads in various places, and this prevented many people from attending, including some of the members.

The candles on the birthday cake were lit by the past chairman and blown out by the treasurer in the absence of the secretary, and the cake was cut by the chairman.

The cake had been made by the chairman and iced by one of the members and was a credit to them.

—N. ROSS,
reporter, Waitane Club.

Annual Programme Competition

THE Annual Programme Competition for 1955 was judged by Miss E. Couston, Field Officer in Rural Sociology, Department of Agriculture, Christchurch.

There were 17 entries, and results were as follows:—

1st: Owhango Club (85 points).

2nd equal: Lincoln and Westmere Clubs (84 points).

3rd: Milton Club (83 points).

Owhango Club, which won the competition last year, will therefore retain the silver bell awarded to the winner.

Comments by Judge

In her comments the judge said that some clubs had not set out their entries as well as they might. The programme should be set out so that it is easy for the judge to follow.

Clubs should avoid repetition. For instance, there is no point in including the annual report in the programme, as this simply repeats what has already been said. Where more than one girl draws up the programme a uniform approach should be adopted.

The judge said that clubs should keep the rules in mind when setting out their entries. Some clubs lost points because they had not given an account of their geographical situation as stated in the rules, and other clubs did not give sufficient detail regarding their activities. The "Service" and "Objective" of some clubs were not always clear.

The 10 points which may be awarded by the judge at her discretion were allocated by Miss Couston as follows: 7 points for adherence to the rules and 3 for spelling and grammar.

Featherston Club Sends Gifts to Greece

MISS NOLA CLARK, secretary of the Featherston Club, reports here on the club's effort to send help to Greece:—

"Our scheme for sending a box of goods to Greece again this year is being enthusiastically supported. For our roll calls each month each member brings along some small thing for the box such as a pencil, rubber, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, clips, or similar article. The competition each month is for some article such as a scrap-book, sponge bag, or hand-made flannel, and these are donated to the box. Other suggestions for the year were a soft toy, child's feeder, child's apron, and booties.

"In the box of goods we made up last year and sent away we included notebooks, coloured pencils, pencil sharpeners, scrap-books, wooden blocks, rubber balls, picture books, colouring books, jig-saw puzzles, a dozen toys (both made and bought), sponge bags, soap, rulers, pencils, rubbers, combs, towels, and a big pile of children's clothing.

"We are in communication with a Mr. Konstantinos Stathis, who distributes the goods in Cythera, Greece. He has sent us photographs and particulars of six families in Greece to whom our help goes. It is very interesting work. Mr. Stathis has asked for a photograph of club members for him to publish in his weekly newspaper.

"We also hope to have another clothes drive this year. It is very exciting undoing all the parcels and packing the boxes. The clothes drives are organised by CORSO headquarters, and we collect the parcels, pack them into boxes, and forward them to Wellington.

"If any other clubs would like to send help to families abroad, their secretaries should write to CORSO headquarters, 100 Lambton Quay, Wellington. They will give all the particulars required and are most helpful. They will arrange for clubs to get in contact with people in the country preferred.

Te Puke Member Gives Talk on Denmark

AT the April meeting the Te Puke Club's chairman, Miss J. Mouser, gave a talk on her visit to Denmark.

While Miss Mouser was in England she heard an announcement over the B.B.C. that farm workers were wanted in Denmark. She sent in her name, but was told that girls were not wanted. However, shortly afterward she heard that there was a position offering on a farm in Denmark. She accepted this and found that her wages of £2 10s. a month were sufficient to live on but that there was not enough to save.

Miss Mouser found that the Danish people were very hospitable, and the women are home lovers. No girl is considered educated unless she has had a year at housekeeping. The Danish people like very rich food and are very fond of coffee parties. Consequently, though the girls have beautiful complexions and carriage, they are usually very big by New Zealand standards.

Care of Poultry

AT a recent meeting the Te Puke Club heard a talk on poultry keeping by Mr. J. Phare, of Te Puke. Mr. Phare took culling as his main topic, as he said that the keeping of unproductive birds can seriously affect the profits of the poultry farmer.

Good laying fowls have round, bright eyes and a bold face. The abdomen should be soft and the pelvic bones and legs should be wide apart. Mr. Phare demonstrated these points on two fowls which he had brought, one being a good layer and the other a poor one, and said that birds which are last to roost and first to rise are usually the best layers.

He said that a satisfactory food for fowls is maize and curd. Young chickens should be given plenty of protein, the amount being reduced when the birds are placed on free range.

In his opinion electric light used during winter to give the hen up to a 14-hour day would increase egg production and would not harm her in any way.

Mr. Phare gave the following general advice: Mouldy mash or wheat should not be bought for poultry food; grain rather than mash should be given in the evening, as this food sustains the fowl while it is on the perch because it takes longer for the fowl to digest grain. A sudden change of food is very likely to put a hen off laying, particularly during autumn and winter.

Poultry can be given free range and should receive fresh water daily. They should be provided with houses which are well ventilated yet draught proof.

Young birds should not be run with old ones. A watch should be kept for the appearance of disease, as healthy fowls can be infected by diseased ones.

C.G.C. Progress
Report for October
Number of clubs: 92
Total membership: 2018

Message from I.F.Y.E. Visitors

MISS PEG. HOFFMAN and Edith Frame, two girls who visited New Zealand recently under the I.F.Y.E. Scheme, have sent the following message:—

"We wish to thank the Country Girls' Clubs who were our hostesses and all Country Girls' Club members whom we have met and worked with during our stay in New Zealand for their interest and kind hospitality.

"We are taking home with us many happy memories of New Zealand and its people and feel that we have gained a great deal from our short association with you. It is our hope that one day we may return to visit you.

"If any of you ever come to the 'States' remember that you have a special welcome awaiting you in Illinois and Virginia."

Mrs. K. J. Holyoake Accepts Office of C.G.C. Patroness



["New Zealand Free Lance"]

Mrs. K. J. Holyoake.

THE recent annual general meeting decided to invite Mrs. K. J. Holyoake, wife of the Minister of Agriculture, to be the Patroness of the federation. The following reply was received by the secretary to her letter conveying the meeting's wish:—

"Thank you for your letter inviting me to be Patroness of the New Zealand Federation of Country Girls' Clubs (Inc.).

"I am keenly interested in your organisation, which I think is serving a most useful purpose, and I therefore have much pleasure in accepting the office of Patroness."

Warkworth Club's Interesting Talk on Pottery

IN June members of Warkworth Club (Northland) visited the home of Mrs. H. Keyes, of Warkworth, who gave a talk and demonstration on pottery making. First, Mrs. Keyes gave a brief historical summary in which she said that pottery was first made between 3000 B.C. and 2000 B.C. She discussed the various experiments she had made with glazes, colours, and shapes, and then took members to her pottery shed and moulded clay on a potter's wheel. Three members then tried this and caused some surprise and laughter with the "vases" they made. Mrs. Keyes said that a bad pastry-cook makes an ideal pottery maker; a good pastry-cook lets air into the clay, and this causes the clay to explode in the kiln at a high temperature.

Concert at Harihari

HARIHARI Club (South Westland) celebrated its second anniversary by holding a concert on 3 July in the Harihari Hall.

About 14 club members and 12 male helpers gave items, including five short humorous plays, popular modern and old-time songs sung by a chorus, and Highland dancing. Novelty items were the "Bathing Costume Parade", which was a song and dance showing costumes from 1900 to the present day. The boys' "ballet" and a skeleton dance were greatly enjoyed.

—E. LUCAS,
reporter, Harihari Club.

Hokonui and Districts Club's Birthday Celebrations

AT the first birthday party of the Hokonui and Districts Club Mr. K. Rumler, of Browns, showed films to members and their guests. These included films of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh at the Invercargill show, the Royal tour of Tonga, and comedies for the children.

The cake was made by an advisory member. Congratulations were given by officers of the local W.D.F.F., F.F., and Y.F.C. on the club's most successful first year.

Feilding Club Visits Tailoring Firm

ON 7 June members of the Feilding Club visited the Rex Tailoring Company. A member of the staff took members into the factory, where he explained the functions of the various machines. He demonstrated on the cutting, button-holing, hemming, seaming, button-sewing, and interlocking machines.

The factory manufactures flannel and working trousers and its output is up to 2000 a week. Articles are dispatched to Wellington for sale.

—B. DICK,
secretary, Feilding Club.

Reports of C.G.C. Meetings and Activities

JUNE

Waitane (Gore)—Competition: Article I have made and of which I am proud. Roll call: A motto. Club combined with Y.F.C. for a dance. During the month the club celebrated its third birthday with a ball.

Warkworth (Northland)—Roll call: The country I would like to visit and why. Competitions: Three cream puffs and a hand-embroidered shower. Members visited the home of Mrs. H. Keyes, who talked and demonstrated on pottery making.

Warepa-Romahapa (Balclutha)—Misses N. Burnside and J. Clearwater, of Hillend Club, helped members to conduct the meeting and answered questions on meeting procedure.

Westmere (Wanganui)—Competitions: A floral arrangement on a potato base and an oven cloth. Miss N. Elliot talked of her trip to the Far East.

Willowbridge (South Canterbury)—Roll call: My favourite pastime. Mrs. W. Fletcher showed films she had taken around the district.

Woodlands and District (Invercargill)—Competition: Article made from plastic. Club combined with Y.F.C. to hear Mr. W. Grieve, J.P., speak on the duties of a Justice of the Peace and Southland's centennial year, 1956.

Woodville (Hawke's Bay)—Mrs. R. Robb gave a demonstration on an arrangement made with flowers, leaves, pine cones, and similar articles.

Wyndham and Districts (Southland)—Mr. J. Doig, of Invercargill, talked on debating procedure.

JULY

Ardmore (Auckland area)—Arrangements made for trip to Kawau Island.

Balfour (Lumsden)—Club joined Y.F.C. to hear local district police constable speak on his work.

Bethlehem (Tauranga)—At its inaugural meeting the club heard a talk by Mrs. B. Croasdale, of Western Bay of Plenty District Committee, on the history and aims of the federation. Second meeting: Election of officers. Talk on the federation given by Miss Mary Hopping, immediate past president, and one on the work of the district committees by Miss P. Jones, chairman of Western Bay of Plenty District Committee.

Blenheim (Marlborough)—Roll call: Impromptu speech. Competition: Novelty article. Debate arranged, subject to be "That the freedom of the younger generation is a good thing". Conference report heard.

Blue Mountain (Tapanui)—Competition: Soft toy. Club combined with Y.F.C. for a sports evening.

Cambridge (Waikato)—Mr. W. Trebilcock and two other members of the Cambridge St. John Ambulance Association spoke on their work and discussed treatment of various injuries.

Clinton (South Otago)—Roll call: Magazines for a hospital. Competition: Four oven scones. Three members gave reports on the annual conference.

Darfield (Christchurch area)—Roll call: Greatest number of articles in a matchbox. Competitions: Bound button-hole and winter decoration on a plate. Mrs. M. Bull, of Sheffield, gave a talk on general nursing in the home.

Eiffelton (Mid-Canterbury)—As the club had not been able to arrange for a speaker on interior decorating, each member brought ideas, pictures, and plans, and a very interesting discussion was held on the subject.

Eltham (Taranaki)—Roll call: Sing, say, or pay. Competitions: Best-dressed wooden spoon; six pieces of toffee, fudge, and coconut-ice; and best bloom. Games evening held.

Feilding (Rangitikei)—Club held a social evening.

Fernside (Christchurch area)—Competition: Photograph of self under 7 years of age. Miss E. Jackson, of Ohoka and Districts Club, spoke on the annual conference.

Gisborne (Poverty Bay)—Miss N. Nicklin gave a talk on millinery and demonstrated using a hat block. Club rehearsed the play "Ladies in Waiting", which is to be presented at the C.W.I. drama festival. Competition: Article from a sugar bag.

Halcombe (Rangitikei)—Mrs. R. Managh, an advisory member, gave a talk on her visit to Fiji, Samoa, and Tahiti.

Harihari (South Westland)—Final plans made for the concert to celebrate the club's second birthday. The secretary spoke on the conference. Roll call: What I would save first in a fire. Competition: Prettiest cup, saucer, and plate.

Hawarden-Waikari (North Canterbury)—Roll call: Something I treasure. Competition: Coconut-ice and children's scrap-book for the hospital. Entertainment: Find the name of a song. Two members gave a talk on the conference.

Hillend (Otago)—Roll call: My favourite pastime or hobby. Competition: Something made from an old stocking. Report given on the club's recent concert, which was a great success. The items were: Kitchen band, club song, piano duet, violin solo, three sketches, a recitation, piano accordion, selections, novelties, parade, and some popular songs. Second meeting: Miss N. Burnside, a member, gave a report on conference. Films of local interest shown. Roll call: Books for the Seaciff Hospital. Competition: A decoration made of berries and seeds.

Hokonui and Districts (Southland)—Delegates reported on conference. A talk on her holiday on the Continent was given by Mrs. MacKenzie.

Horsham Downs-Rototuna (Waikato)—Roll call: What interests me most on the farm. Competition: Sponge cake. Delegates reported on conference. A member gave a talk on tramping. A debating team was formed, the subject to be "That a commercial career is better than domestic life".

Hunterville (Rangitikei)—Roll call: Suggestion for a quiet game. Competition: Article made from lyd. of plastic. Members combined with Y.F.C. to hear an illustrated talk on hydatids by Dr. R. J. Feltham.

Inglewood (Taranaki)—Competition: Piece of costume jewellery. Delegates reported on conference.

Karawaka (Taranaki)—Decided to visit a number of factories in the August holidays. Delegates reported on conference. Members combined with Y.F.C. to hear Mr. Flett speak on espionage in the Second World War. Competition: Article from a flour bag.

Kennington (Invercargill)—A "bring and buy" sale will be held at the next meeting.

Knapdale (Gore)—Roll call: The job I detest and why. Competition: Scenic snapshot. Two advisory members demonstrated quilting and icing.

Lawrence (Otago)—Roll call: A song title suggesting an article of clothing. Competition: Three plain oven scones. Mr. J. Paterson gave a demonstration of cake icing.

Makirikiri-Okoia (Wanganui)—Roll call: Sing, say, or pay. Competition: Hand-made toilet bag. Miss Elliott gave an account of her recent trip to India. The federation's "model meeting" play was read.

Mangatainoka (north Wairarapa)—Decided to give a donation to the federation. A combined meeting was held to hear an illustrated talk by Mr. J. Whitelock on his visit to the U.S.A. Competition: Three pieces of toffee.

Manurewa (Auckland area)—Report on conference given by a delegate.

Marton (Rangitikei)—Roll call: Ideas for inter-club activities with Y.F.C. Three delegates reported on conference.

Matakana (Northland)—Discussion on coming combined ball.

Mayfield (Mid-Canterbury)—Roll call: A book or film I have enjoyed lately. Competition: A small cacti garden. Report on conference given by two delegates.

Milton (Otago)—Donation to be given to cancer appeal. Two delegates reported on conference. Roll call: My first impression of the Queen. Competition: Largest collection of weeds.

Morven (South Canterbury)—Competition: Tray cloth. Miss E. Couston, Field Officer in Rural Sociology, Christchurch, demonstrated the making of gifts.

Nightcaps (Southland)—At the club's second meeting competitions and roll calls were arranged for the coming year. Decided to hold a dance in August.

Oakura (Taranaki)—Roll call: The sport I like best and why. Competitions: Shrub, tray cloth, and three date scones. Conference report heard. Games evening held.

Ohoka and Districts (North Canterbury)—Invitation to be issued to a nearby club for a basketball match. Conference report given.

Okato (Cape Egmont)—Competition: A duchesse ornament. A talk on cooking, home decorating, and furnishings was given by Miss A. Blundell.

Omakau (Central Otago)—Roll call: A beauty hint. Competition: A knitted article. Conference report given.

Otakeho (Taranaki)—Combined meeting held to hear an illustrated talk by Mr. D. McCallum, a Y.F.C. member who visited the U.S.A. under the I.F.Y.E. Scheme.

Owaka (South Otago)—Roll call: Ideas for concert and something mother taught me. Competition: Cushion cover. Conference report given.

Owhango (King Country)—Competition: Six pieces of coconut-ice. Conference report given. Plans made for combined annual buffet tea and dance.

Oxford (Christchurch area)—Discussion held on topic "Why housewives with young families should not take outside employment". Dr. Lambah gave a talk on first aid in the home.

Palmerston-Waikouaiti (Otago)—Mrs. Riddick, of Palmerston, gave a talk on life in the Chatham Islands.

Patetonga-Kaihere (Hauraki Plains)—Roll call: Suggestions for the improvement of our meetings. Competition: Dress to be worn by the maker. Mrs. Coulter gave a further demonstration on paper flower making.

Pukerau (Southland)—Roll call: Where I would like to go for my honeymoon. Competition: Pin cushion. Two delegates reported on conference.

Putaruru (Matamata)—Competition: Photograph of self when young. Arrangements made for ball.

Raetihi (Ohakune)—Mrs. E. Lohrey, Field Officer in Rural Sociology, Palmerston North, gave a talk on the aims of the federation and gave many suggestions for future club activities.

Sheffield (Christchurch area)—Roll call: Packing hint for travelling and pennies for friendship. Mrs. Yardley gave a talk on her war experiences and her work as a V.A.D.

Silverdale (Northland)—Competitions: Baby's knitted article and uncooked cakes. Competitions and games held to celebrate club's birthday.

Springdale (Morrinsville)—Competition: Packed school lunch. Mr. Hastie, of the local branch of the St. John Ambulance Association, gave a lecture on shock and allied subjects. Mrs. McComish spoke on home nursing.

Taihape (Rangitikei)—Discussion on coming birthday dance.

Tariki (Taranaki)—Competitions: A worked feeder and shortbread. Debate against Y.F.C. held, subject being "That higher education for women in New Zealand is wasted". After the debate the combined meeting saw films on better breeding cattle, shown by Mr. Knowles, of the Taranaki Herd Improvement Association.

Taumarunui (King Country)—Miss P. Donald, of Owhango Club, gave a talk on conference.

Te Awamutu (Waikato)—Competition: Thrift article. Two delegates reported on conference.

Tikorangi (New Plymouth)—Roll call: Three-minute impromptu speech on a household task. Coming birthday dance discussed.

Tuatapere (Southland)—Talk on gardening given by Mrs. Popham.

Tussock Creek (Southland)—Roll call: A place I would like to visit and why. Competition: Worked tea towel. Discussion on coming annual ball.

Urenui (Taranaki)—Mr. Wilkinson, a senior traffic inspector, gave a talk on traffic rules.

Waikaka (Gore)—Arrangements made for coming social evening.

Waikohu (Gisborne)—Roll call: My favourite musician. Competition: Hot weather butter cover. Members saw a film on South Africa shown by Mr. Tomlinson.

Waitane (Gore)—Roll call: Why I joined the club. Competition: Most articles in a match-box. Conference report given.

Warkworth (Northland)—Roll call: The first law I would introduce on becoming Prime Minister. Competitions: Floating bowl and lemon honey. The matron of the Warkworth Cottage Hospital gave a talk on natural childbirth.

Willowbridge (South Canterbury)—Club combined with Morven Club to hear a talk and demonstration by Miss E. Couston, Field Officer in Rural Sociology, Christchurch, on the making of gifts.

Westmere (Wanganui)—Competitions: Soft toy and hand-made brooch. Conference report given.

Woodville (southern Hawke's Bay)—Competitions: A dried floral arrangement and knitting. Mrs. G. Cummings gave a demonstration on the following subjects: The making of a bridal veil, a lady's skirt from a pair of men's trousers, table mats, and a number of other articles.

AUGUST

Amuri (North Canterbury)—A talk on lace making was given by Mrs. Murgatroyd, of Balmoral. She said that this was a dying art and that she had taught herself while in England and had since taught others. Beautiful specimens of lace were shown, which showed many hours of patient work.

Balfour (Lumsden)—Conference report given.

Bethlehem (Tauranga)—Roll call: My favourite recipe. Competition: Pikelets. A play reading was held.

Blenheim (Marlborough)—Roll call: A household hint. Competition: A worked tea towel. Miss B. Johnston, Field Officer in Rural Sociology, Wellington, spoke on personal appearance.

Cambridge (Waikato)—Mrs. Griggs, of Kairangi, gave a demonstration on cake icing.

Clinton (South Otago)—Roll call: A tongue twister. Impromptu speeches made.

Darfield (Christchurch area)—Mrs. M. Bull, of Sheffield, gave her second talk on first aid. She dealt mainly with burns, fractures, and bandaging.

Eiffelton (Mid-Canterbury)—Roll call: Clothes for CORSO. Mrs. Bennisson, a butcher in Ashburton, gave a talk on cuts of meat.

Ellesmere (Christchurch area)—Rev. K. Bathurst showed films of local views and Westland.

Eltham (Taranaki)—Competitions: Best-dressed boiled egg, three pieces of apple shortcake, and best bloom. Mr. R. Syme gave an illustrated talk on mountaineering on Mount Egmont and Southern Alps.

Felding (Rangitikei)—Roll call: A recipe. Competition: Gentleman's button-hole. Mr. McIlroy spoke on the Felding Community Centre and the work done by its members. He also spoke on drama and play production.

Fernside (North Canterbury)—Roll call: The first three things I would save in a fire. Mrs. Walker, of Rangiora, gave a talk on tapestry making.

Gisborne (Poverty Bay)—Mr. L. Olsen gave a demonstration of cake icing.

Halcombe (Rangitikei)—Competition: A painted tin. Mrs. B. Kissack, of Marton Club, gave a talk on the duties of a secretary.

Harihari (South Westland)—Roll call: An animal or bird impersonation. Competition: An article from one skein of wool. A special meeting was held to hear Miss E. Couston, Field Officer in Rural Sociology, Christchurch, speak on "Making the best of oneself" and "Choice of clothes".

Hawarden-Waikari (North Canterbury)—Roll call: Member dressed to represent a song. Competitions: Decorated egg and a photograph of a floral arrangement. Game: Name cars from clues. Debate with local Y.F.C. junior team. The subject: "That housewives with young families should not take outside employment".

Hillend (Otago)—Roll call: My most embarrassing moment. Competition: Something new from something old. Miss Holgate, advisory member, gave a demonstration of smocking.

Hersham Downs-Rototuna (Waikato)—Roll call: A rainy day occupation. Competition: A darned sock. Debate, "That a commercial career is better than a domestic one".

Hokonui and Districts (Southland)—A quiz against Y.F.C. members and a "20-questions panel" held. During the month a very successful Y.F.C. and C.G.C. social was held.

Hunterville (Rangitikei)—Roll call: A joke. Competition: A dressed clothes peg. A games evening was held.

Inglewood (Taranaki)—Competition: An arrangement of spring flowers. Miss I. McLellan, a member, gave a talk on her trip abroad. She said she encountered the worst storm for 35 years between New Zealand and Australia. She and her friend had cycled over most of Britain and visited the Continent. The club held a debate which was judged by

Mr. F. Jackson, the subject being, "That country girls have a greater opportunity to develop their individual personalities than their city sisters".

Karawaka (Taranaki)—Competition: A posy in an egg cup. Three members each gave 3-minute talks.

Knapdale (Gore)—Roll call: My most embarrassing moment. Competition: A rock garden on a plate. Miss L. Weller, of Wendon Club, demonstrated a Continental sewing machine.

Lawrence (Otago)—Roll call: A gardening hint. Competition: A worked cushion. Miss N. Burnside, of Hillend Club, gave a talk on the work of district committees and the Dominion Executive Committee.

Lincoln (Christchurch area)—Roll call: CORSO. Competitions: Sausage rolls and a modern decoration in a flat container. A social evening was held.

Manurewa (Auckland area)—A play reading was held.

Mangatainoka (north Wairarapa)—Mrs. E. Lohrey, Field Officer in Rural Sociology, Palmerston North, gave a talk on new fabrics and the choice of clothes.

Makirikiri-Okoia (Wanganui)—Roll call: Suggestions for field day. Competition: Three scones. Mr. N. Darkin gave a talk on his experiences as commissioner of police during the Japanese invasion of Hong Kong.

Marton (Rangitikei)—Roll call: Suggestions for future programmes. Impromptu speeches were held, some of the topics being "Marton weather", "My first day at work", and "If I were Princess Margaret". The minimum time for each speaker was half a minute.

Mayfield (Mid-Canterbury)—Mr. H. Withell showed films of local interest to a combined meeting.

Matakana (Northland)—Mr. M. Wenzlick, of Matakana, demonstrated a knitting machine.

Milton (Otago)—Roll call: My birth stone and colour. Competition: A snap of a bride. A demonstration on knitting and sewing machines was given.

Morven (South Canterbury)—Competition: Most interesting sandwich. Conference report given.

Ngongataha (Rotorua)—Formation meeting. Mr. C. Taylor, Fields Instructor, Department of Agriculture, Rotorua, gave a talk on how to form a C.G.C. and made suggestions about competitions, programmes and similar subjects.

Ohoka and Districts (North Canterbury)—Arrangements made for a basketball match against a neighbouring club. Table tennis tournament arranged. Miss E. Couston, Field Officer in Rural Sociology, Christchurch, spoke on the choice of clothes.

Okato (Cape Egmont)—Mrs. Loveridge, Okara, gave a demonstration of artificial flowers.

Ongarue (Taumarunui)—The programme for future meetings was discussed.

Otakeho (Taranaki)—Roll call: A handy hint. Competition: A photograph of an animal made from a fruit or vegetable. Mr. J. Hanna gave a talk on his tour of Norway.

Owaka (South Otago)—Roll call: A cooking mistake. Competition: Knitted gloves. A debate was held, the subject being, "That the country girl has more advantages than the city girl".

Owhango (King Country)—Competition: A paper hat. General business.

Oxford (Christchurch area)—Mr. R. Stevenson gave a talk on photography.

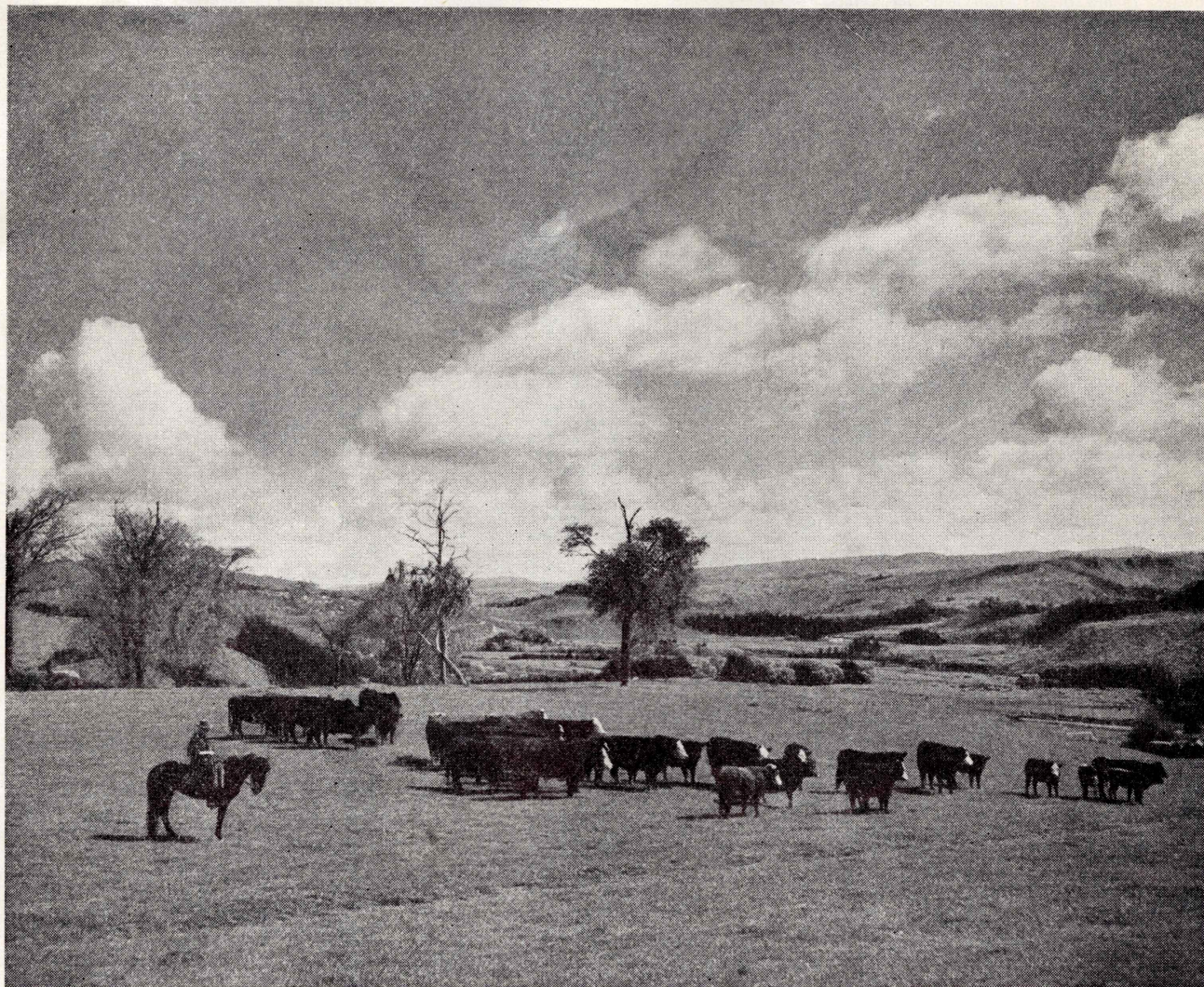
Palmerston-Waikouaiti (Otago)—Mr. G. Jones, Palmerston, gave a demonstration of toy making.

Patetonga-Kaihere (Hauraki Plains)—Two members reported on the W.I. birthday celebration and the W.D.F.F. post-conference rally at Thames respectively.

Pukerau (Southland)—Roll call: A poem on a club member. Competition: Bulbs in fibre. Mrs. Wilson demonstrated a knitting machine.

Putaruru (Matamata)—Roll call: Riddle. Competition: Three pikelets. A combined meeting was held to see films of New Zealand shown by Mr. R. Richardson.

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Raetihi (Ohakune)—During the month the club, with the assistance of the W.D.F.F. and Y.F.C., held a successful shop day.

Sheffield (Christchurch area)—Roll call: A Maori word and its meaning. Competition: A home-made hat. Miss N. Paul, a Scottish girl, gave a talk on her hitch hiking trips on the Continent and in New Zealand.

Silverdale (Northland)—Competitions: An article of underwear and marmalade. General business.

Springdale (Morrinsville)—Roll call: A general knowledge question. Competition: A blouse. Conference report given.

Tariki (Taranaki)—Competitions: A plain blouse and spring flowers. Mrs. M. Harkness, an advisory member, spoke on vocational guidance.

Taihape (Rangitikei)—Mrs. E. Lohrey, Field Officer in Rural Sociology, Palmerston North, spoke on C.G.C. activities.

Te Awamutu (Waikato)—Roll call: What I expect from the Country Girls' Club. Competitions: A variety of biscuits and a photograph of oneself under the age of 5. A local firm gave a demonstration on a modern sewing machine.

Tikorangi (New Plymouth)—A social was held with the local Y.F.C.

Te Puke (Bay of Plenty)—A public film evening was held. The films shown had been borrowed from the National Film Library. "Children of the City" told of juvenile delinquency in Scotland. It showed a group of boys committing theft, being apprehended, and brought before the Children's Court. The way in which each child was treated was shown. The film emphasised that poor home life was often the cause of child delinquency. "They Planted a Stone" dealt with the project for irrigating the Nile Valley. "River Showboat" portrayed life on a boat which travels up and down the Ohio River, U.S.A., and provides plays and acrobatic shows.

Tuatapere (Southland)—Roll call: The household task I like best. Competition: A tea cosy. A combined meeting was held to hear Mrs. T. Watson speak on her tour of Britain.

Waitane (Gore)—Roll call: A child's amusing saying. Competition: A crocheted article. Mrs. W. Hargest, Mandeville, gave a demonstration on cake icing.

Warkworth (Northland)—Roll call: My favourite radio programme. Competitions: Knitted tea cosy and a jar of marmalade. Mrs. Flexman, Kaipara Flats, spoke on dress making and sewing machine attachments.

Waikaka (Gore)—Mrs. Andrew gave a demonstration on the making of nylon flowers. During the month the club held a concert when three plays were presented.

Waingaro (Ngauruawahia)—Conference report given. Club combined with the Y.F.C. to see films on a variety of subjects shown by the Lees brothers, of Papakura.

Warepa-Romahapa (Balclutha)—Roll call: A spare-time hobby. Competition: A plastic article. Mrs. A. McIntosh demonstrated the uses of dried flowers, cones, drift wood, and similar articles for winter decorations.

Waikohu (Gisborne)—Roll call: Sing, say, or 3d. pay. Competition: Novelty pin cushion. Mrs. A. Thompson, Puhā, gave a demonstration of hairpin needlework.

Willowbridge (South Canterbury)—Roll call: My favourite recipe. The club combined with the local Y.F.C. to hear a talk on first aid by Dr. T. Wylie, Waimate.

Woodlands and Districts (Invercargill)—Roll call: An unusual home hint. Competition: Tray cloth. Mrs. W. Philpot, Invercargill, showed a number of articles that she had made. These included papier mache work, knitted bed rugs, and articles made from shells.

Woodville (Southern Hawke's Bay)—Competitions: Madeira cake and a trough of spring flowers. Films were shown at a combined meeting by a representative of the International Harvester Company.

Wyndham and Districts (Southland)—Competition: Best hand-worked article. The C.G.C. play of meeting procedure was read by members.

Reports of Y.F.C. Meetings and Activities

THE following are brief reports of recent club meetings. In the table are shown the districts of the Y.F.C. federation, each with its number of active clubs in the left-hand column, and in the right-hand column the number of clubs which sent reports of meetings to headquarters between 9 and 30 September.

In these reports the membership of the club is given in brackets after the attendance figures.

Western Southland	16	12	Wanganui	10	7
Eastern Southland	13	Nil	South Taranaki	8	4
South Otago	11	4	Central Taranaki	5	1
Central Otago	8	Nil	North Taranaki	11	6
Dunedin	7	4	Central King Country	4	2
North Otago	7	4	Northern King Country	5	Nil
Waimate	7	3	Eastern Bay of Plenty	11	1
Timaru	12	3	Western Bay of Plenty	13	4
Mid-Canterbury	9	7	Rotorua	2	1
Christchurch	14	3	Matamata	12	7
North Canterbury	8	7	Waipa	11	5
Marlborough	8	4	Waikato	14	9
Nelson	9	Nil	Hauraki	5	2
West Coast	4	1	Franklin	9	4
Horowhenua	4	1	Auckland Central	10	5
Wairarapa	8	4	Waitemata	5	4
Southern Hawke's Bay	8	5	Rodney	6	3
Central Hawke's Bay	14	11	Whangarei	5	Nil
Northern Hawke's Bay	2	Nil	Kaikōhe	4	2
Gisborne-East Coast	9	4	Northern Wairoa	5	Nil
Manawatu	8	4	Far North	3	2
Oroua	10	5			

WESTERN SOUTHLAND

Dipton—Club members were guests of local Federated Farmers; Mr. P. Cahill, veterinarian, Winton, spoke on infertility in rams. Present 6 (14).

Hokonui—Two meetings. Quiz conducted by Mr. J. Egan. Present 21 (27) and local C.G.C. members. Mr. N. Thomas, representative, Wright, Stephenson and Co. Ltd., Invercargill, spoke on wool classing. Present 15.

Kennington—Mr. W. Faithful, Instructor in Agriculture, Invercargill, spoke on grass seeds and pastures. Present 10 (38).

Limehills—Mr. J. P. Anderson, Veterinarian, Department of Agriculture, Invercargill, spoke on the care of ewes during lambing. Present 13 (25).

Nightcaps—Mr. J. R. Thomson, Instructor in Agriculture, Invercargill, spoke on insect pests and their control. Present 18 (36).

Orepuki—Mr. H. J. Townshend, senior advisory member, spoke on federation's 21st anniversary celebrations at Dunedin. I. Brown outlined the land settlement policy. Present 7 (21).

Seaward Downs—Question evening. Present 18 (30).

South Hillend—Impromptu speeches. Present 8 (23).

Tuatapere—I. B. G. Brown, Orepuki Club, spoke on land settlement policy. Present 10 (29).

Tussock Creek—Two meetings. Mr. C. H. G. Irvine, veterinarian, Invercargill, spoke on lambing. Present 12 (23) and 12 members Federated Farmers. Mr. B. C. Colbran, farmer, Tussock Creek, spoke on his trip to Australia. Present 10 and members of Federated Farmers.

Woodlands—Mr. J. Blake, Superintendent, Borstal Institution, Justice Department, spoke on child welfare. Present 17 (35).

SOUTH OTAGO

Lawrence—Mr. J. G. Richards, Instructor in Agriculture, Balclutha, gave a lantern lecture on establishment and management of pasture. Present 15 (44).

Milburn—Mr. K. Thompson, Milton, showed films. Present 23 (27).

Milton—Mr. J. W. Collins, traffic inspector, Milton, spoke on traffic rules. Present 17 (34) and local C.G.C. members.

Owaka—Mr. J. G. Richards gave a lantern lecture on experimental work by the Department of Agriculture. Present 24 (29).

DUNEDIN

Palmerston—Mr. A. Twaddle, previously manager, Bushey Park Estate, spoke on his recent holiday tour of North Island. Present 19 (29).

Maniototo—Mr. P. Rowley, topdressing pilot, spoke on aerial topdressing in New Zealand. Present 12 (33).

Strath-Taieri—Mr. W. J. Hansen, Sheep and Wool Instructor, Dunedin, spoke on wool and showed a film on sheep in England. Present 15 (36).

West Taieri—Mr. J. P. Shennan, Assistant to Livestock Superintendent, Dunedin, spoke on diseases in stock. Present 9 (34).

NORTH OTAGO

Five Forks—Two meetings. Mr. W. R. Lobb, Instructor in Agriculture, Oamaru, spoke on pastures. Present 14 (30). Mr. W. G. Crawford, Horticultural Instructor, Oamaru, spoke on trace elements and hormones. Present 11.

Tokarahi—Mr. W. R. Lobb spoke on some agricultural crops. Present 16 (28).

Upper Waitaki—Table tennis tournament won by J. C. Carter. Present 9 (26).

WAIMATE

Studholme - Willowbridge—Three meetings. Mr. H. B. G. Johnstone, local farmer and stud breeder, spoke on sheep farming. Present 15 (30). Mr. N. O'Reilly, local veterinarian, spoke on the Wallaceville Animal Research Station. Present 14. D. Hayman, chairman, spoke and showed films on his recent visit to South Australia. Present 14.

Waihaorunga—Mr. G. W. Cuthill, manager, Bank of New Zealand, Waimate, spoke on inflation. Present 8 (17).

Waimate High School—Five meetings. Mr. A. Grant, local farmer, spoke on breeding stud stock. Present 18 (33). Mr. H. J. K. Elgie, Livestock Instructor, Waimate, spoke on infectious diseases of animals. Present 25. Impromptu speeches. Present 19. Mr. N. O'Reilly spoke on the Wallaceville Animal Research Station. Present 16. Mr. W. Veitch, local garage proprietor, spoke on internal combustion engines. Present 19.

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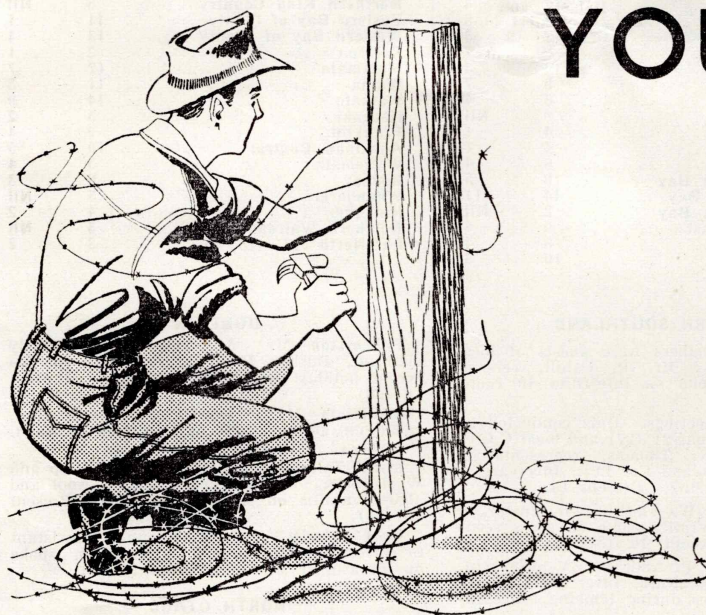
Albury—Mr. E. Kerr, farmer, Cave, showed films on his tour of Europe and Ceylon. Present 21 (38).

Geraldine—Mr. F. W. Bean, Geraldine, spoke on the club treasurer's duties. Present 22 (49).

Lyalldale—Mr. G. Oliver, farmer, Pleasant Point, spoke on his visit to America. Present 16 (28).

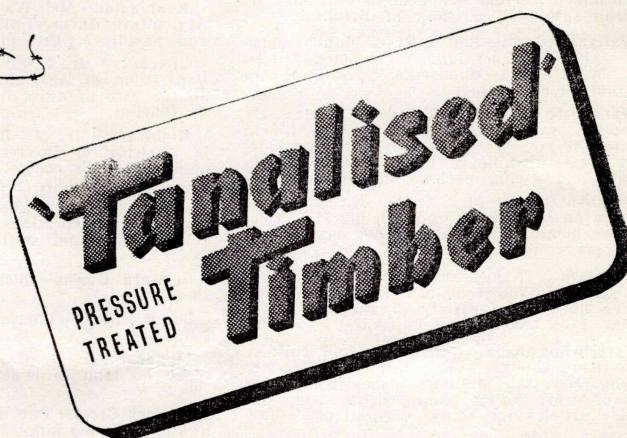
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MID-CANTERBURY

Chertsey-Pendarves—Mr. F. J. H. Grattan, former Administrator of Samoa, spoke on a trip through Europe in a light car. Present 20 (33).

Hinds—Three meetings. Mr. J. Davidson, former county chairman, spoke of his early life in the county, and on the county council. Present 28 (61). Mr. E. B. Hight, apiarist, spoke on beekeeping. Present 19. Mr. M. Drummond, local sheep breeder, spoke on points on stock judging and breeding. Present 29.

Lauriston—Mr. L. Marks, ex-Merchant Navy man, spoke of his experiences as a ship's engineer. Present 22 (33).

Mayfield—Two meetings. Mr. D. Johnston, local stud breeder and judge, spoke of his trip to America for the N.Z. Corriedale Sheep Society. Present 27 (39). Mr. Bailey Withell, semi-retired farmer, Ashburton, showed films at a meeting with local C.G.C. Present 27.

Methven—Miss A. Kyle, veterinarian, Canterbury Agricultural College, spoke on stock diseases. Present 28 (48).

Tinwald—Mr. G. K. McPherson, Irrigation Research Officer, Winchmore Irrigation Research Station, spoke on irrigation and farming in New South Wales and Victoria. Present 14 (43).

Wakanui—Mr. N. D. Chaffey, Mount Possession Station, spoke on high country sheep farming. Present 12 (23).

CHRISTCHURCH

Avon—District secretary showed films. Present 22 (31).

Ellesmere—District secretary showed films. Present 25 (57).

Waihora—Three meetings. Representatives of the North Canterbury Catchment Board showed films and spoke on aerial fencing. Present 28 (35). Mr. J. M. Snook, Hutchinson Motors, Christchurch, showed films. Present 25. Mr. N. Shillito, Seed Production Officer, Christchurch, spoke on pure seed production. Present 23.

NORTH CANTERBURY

Amuri—Combined meeting with C.G.C. for films shown by representatives of Ford Motor Co. Present 20 (32).

Cheviot—Mr. Lindsay, lecturer in engineering, Canterbury Agricultural College, spoke on modern machinery. Present 28 (42).

Hawarden-Waikari—21st anniversary of club. Former officers spoke on its early history. Present 25 (52).

Ohoka and Districts—Mr. J. Jebson, veterinarian, Rangiora, spoke on ewe and lamb mortality. Present 38 (48).

Oxford—Local senior traffic officer, Mr. A. J. Tait, spoke on road safety. Present 15 (28).

Rangiora—Mr. C. E. Iverson, Canterbury Agricultural College, spoke on farming in other countries. Present 26 (33).

Scargill-Omihē—Mr. J. G. Simpson, wool instructor, Canterbury Agricultural College, spoke on the preparation of wool for sale. Present 22 (57).

MARLBOROUGH

Flaxbourne—Mr. L. Thompson, Assistant Soil Conservator, Blenheim, spoke and showed films on soil conservation. Present 10 (22).

Kaikoura—Mr. L. P. Blunt, farmer, Kaikoura, spoke on procedure at meetings. Present 17 (23).

Linkwater—District secretary showed films. Present 9 (14).

Rail Valley—Mr. J. P. Beggs, Instructor in Agriculture, Blenheim, spoke on pasture management. Present 13 (20).

WEST COAST

Harihari—Formation meeting. Officers elected: Chairman, M. G. McGrath; secretary, R. Norris; treasurer, B. Adamson.

HOROWHENUA

Levin—Discussion on farm walk on Mr. C. G. C. Wright's farm. Present 13 (30).

WAIRARAPA

Carterton—Two new members. Mr. G. Grant showed films. Present 22 (34).

Martinborough—Mr. Fair, economist, Australia and New Zealand Bank, spoke on the trend in bank lending to the farming industry. Present 17 (37).

Masterton—Mr. J. B. Swan, veterinarian, Carterton, spoke on lambing. Present 16 (26).

Nireaha—Mr. S. A. McKenzie, consulting officer, New Zealand Dairy Board, Dannevirke, spoke and showed films on artificial breeding. Present 22 (26).

SOUTHERN HAWKE'S BAY

Hukanui—Two meetings. Dr. D. Berryman, Eketahuna, spoke on the treatment of wounds and the way patients should be handled. Present 22 (29). Mr. W. J. Burns, Instructor in Agriculture, Dannevirke, showed films. Present 24.

Norsewood—Two meetings. Two new members. Mr. W. Mountfort, Dalgety and Co., Dannevirke, spoke on the uses of steel buildings on farms and factories. Present 16. Mr. N. Petersen spoke on firearms. Present 20 (35).

Ruahine—Two new members. Mr. L. W. Blackmore, Instructor in Agriculture, Dannevirke, showed films. Present 30 (48).

Weber—Mr. W. J. Burns showed films. Present 15 (30).

Woodville—Mr. W. J. Burns showed films. Present 20 (41).

CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY

Elsthorpe—Mr. Patterson, Waipawa, told of his farming experiences during the last war. Present 7 (15).

Matapiro—Two meetings. A representative of Dalgety and Co. showed films. Present 9. Mr. A. J. Coughlan, Fields Instructor, Hastings, showed films. Present 8 (15).

Omakere—Mr. A. J. Coughlan showed films. Present 20 (28).

Otane—Three meetings. Ivan Werner, Victorian visitor, spoke on Australian farming. Present 13. A representative of Dalgety and Co. showed films. Present 14 (22). Mr. A. J. Coughlan spoke on fertilisers. Present 13.

Pukahu—Mr. C. Wordnam showed films. Present 16 (26).

Takapau—Mr. Rice, Atlantic Union Oil Co. Ltd., showed films.

Te Aute College—District novice shearing competition discussed. Present 20 (27).

Tikokino—Traffic Officer Bunny spoke on traffic regulations. Present 16 (17).

Waimarama—Colonel G. Wheeler spoke on the history of South Africa and causes of present difficulties. Present 20 (23).

Waipukurau—Two meetings. Mr. W. A. Thomas, Field Officer, Lands and Survey Department, Napier, spoke on the development of farms for returned servicemen and civilians. Present 30 (48). Mr. K. A. Sandbrook, Argyll, spoke on shearing instruction courses. Present 18.

GISBORNE-EAST COAST

GISBORNE—Mr. M. H. Blunt, veterinarian, Gisborne, spoke on sheep dip and blowfly strike. Present 20 (32).

Manutuke—Auctioneering contest held; result: T. Hine 1, D. Briant 2, D. Thomas and J. Parker equal 3; Mr. B. Gordon was judge. Mr. G. McKee spoke on weed control. Present 11 (28).

Otoko—N. Faram elected secretary. Mr. G. McKee spoke on weed control. Present 12 (17).

Rere—Mr. G. McKee spoke on the identification of pasture species. Present 10 (18).

MANAWATU

Fitzherbert West—One new member. Mr. L. F. Ballinger showed films. Present 15 (21).

Kairanga—Mr. K. L. Mayo, Instructor in Agriculture, Palmerston North, showed films. Present 21 (40).

Moutoa—Three meetings. Mr. H. Anderson, Shell Company of New Zealand Ltd., spoke on the refining of oils. Present 14. L. Spiers and H. Robinson spoke on the 21st anniversary celebrations of the federation in Dunedin. Present 7. Mr. B. A. J. Smith, Fields Instructor, Palmerston North, showed films. Present 11 (22).

Opiki—Impromptu speeches on subjects of speaker's own choice. Present 16 (20).

OROUA

Apiti—Messrs. H. A. Scott, Farm Dairy Instructor, and H. O. Mackley, Livestock Instructor, Feilding, showed films. Present 18 (34).

Feilding—John Whitelock gave a lantern lecture on his visit to U.S.A. under the I.F.Y.E. Scheme. Present 21 (35).

Halcombe—Mr. K. L. Mayo, Instructor in Agriculture, Palmerston North, spoke on farm drainage. Present 21 (25).

Kimbolton—Mr. A. L. Mason, Feilding, spoke on farm shelter. Present 13 (19).

Rangiwahia—Two new members. Misses A. Whittall, Herefordshire, England, and P. Brown, Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland, spoke on their own areas and farming methods and rural life in Britain. Present 13 (27) and 8 visitors.

WANGANUI

Flock House—Two meetings. Mr. L. Burston, Dairyman, Flock House Farm of Instruction, spoke on dairy shed management. Present 22 (23). Impromptu speeches by members. Present 22.

Makirikiri-Okoa—Mr. G. R. Moss, Fields Instructor, Wanganui, spoke on certified seed. Present 16 (42).

Mangamahu—Mr. L. N. Fletcher, District Valuer, Valuation Department, Wanganui, spoke on land valuation. Present 9 (14).

Ohakune—Three meetings. Mr. A. A. Duncan, Instructor in Agriculture, Wanganui, spoke on topdressing problems in the Waimarino County. Present 14. Mr. J. V. McFarlane, Wanganui, spoke on finance and land valuation. Present 10. Mr. T. Shout, Raetihi, spoke on the preservation of native bush and animal and bird life. Present 8 (24).

Raetihi—Mr. W. R. Eaton, Livestock Instructor, Raetihi, showed films. Present 17 (32).

Taihape—Mr. G. V. McFarlane, valuation consultant, Wanganui, spoke on land valuation. Present 12 (51).

Waitotara—Four new members. Mr. G. V. McFarlane, Wanganui, spoke on land valuation. Present 20 (52).

SOUTH TARANAKI

Alton—Two new members. Mr. C. E. Isaacs, Veterinarian, Department of Agriculture, Hawera, spoke on South Africa. Present 14 (20).

Eltham—Mr. L. V. Lloyd, Eltham Dairy Co. Ltd., spoke on shares and shareholdings of dairy companies. Present 27 (35).

Kaponga—Mr. J. C. Milnes spoke on the general working of the New Zealand Railways. Present 19 (30).

Pihama—Mr. L. Johnston, Imperial Chemical Industries (N.Z.) Ltd., gave a lantern lecture on weed control with hormone sprays. Present 9 (21).

CENTRAL TARANAKI

Tariki—Mr. G. Bromley showed films. Present 16 (25).

NORTH TARANAKI

Inglewood—Mr. A. C. Burgess, Instructor in Agriculture, New Plymouth, spoke on soil testing. Present 31 (45).

Karawaka—One new member. Mr. F. L. Knowles, consulting officer, New Zealand Dairy Board, New Plymouth, showed films. Present 15 (24).

Mangamahoe—Ivan Werner, Victorian exchange visitor, spoke on Victoria. Present 13 (18).

Okato—Forum on farming questions asked by members. Present 29 (29).

Tikurangi—Mr. S. Shaw spoke on a visit to New Zealand Forest Products Ltd.'s Kinleith paper mills. Present 14 (21).

CENTRAL KING COUNTRY

Taumarunui—Sergeant Prater, New Zealand Police Department, Taumarunui, spoke on the Police Force. Present 15 (26).

EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY

Awakeri—J. Graham spoke on weed control. Present 27 (37).

WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY

Omokoroa—Mr. S. G. V. Avery, Tauranga Motors Ltd., spoke on the maintenance of farm tractors. Present 27 (36).

Oropi—Indoor bowls with Federated Farmers. Present 10 (15).

Pukehina—Mr. L. Johnstone spoke on sheep and cattle farming. Present 20 (35).

MATAMATA

Elstow—Messrs. G. A. Blake and B. A. Gunning, Instructors in Agriculture, Matamata, spoke on the Y.F.C. movement. Present 9 (14).

Hinuera—Films. Present 35 (56).

Kereone—Woods Tractor Service Ltd., Morrinsville, showed films. Present 15 (24).

Tatunui—Mr. J. C. Gerlach, Agronomist, Rukuhia Soil Research Station, spoke on tropical agriculture.

Tauhei—Mr. E. P. Nielsen, consulting officer, New Zealand Dairy Board, gave a lantern lecture on his trip to Europe. Present 17 (28).

Tirau-Okoroire—Mr. F. B. Thompson, Agricultural Chemist, Rukuhia Soil Research Station, spoke on the use of hormones in weed control. Present 23 (61).

Wardville—Mr. Saunders, Traffic Officer, New Zealand Transport Department, spoke on the traffic problem. Present 21 (35).

WAIPIA

Ngahinapouri—Mr. M. Glenn showed films on his tour of England and America. Present 13 (18).

Ngutunui-Tiheroa—Three meetings. Mr. E. P. Nielsen, consulting officer, New Zealand Dairy Board, gave a lantern lecture on dairy farming in Europe. Present 18. Mr. R. B. Gordon, Instructor in Agriculture, Te Awamutu, spoke on weed control and pasture management. Present 21. Mr. Lambeth spoke on the uses of rope and demonstrated splicing. Present 16 (26).

Ohaupo—Mr. S. Young, Traffic Officer, New Zealand Transport Department, spoke on farm traffic regulations.

Te Awamutu—Discussion panel comprising Mr. H. Woodyear-Smith, technical fields adviser, Challenge Phosphate Company of New Zealand Ltd. (chairman); Mr. J. McDonald, senior veterinarian, Te Awamutu Veterinary Club; Mr. S. Smith, local farmer; Mr. R. B. Gordon; Mr. A. S. Wyllie, local farmer; Mr. I. McQueen, consulting officer, New Zealand Dairy Board; and Mr. R. M. Gallagher, Technician, Ruakura Animal Research Station. Present 24 (67). Ten farmers also attended.

Tokanui Crossroads—Mr. D. Bain, Te Awamutu, showed films. Present 15 (36).

WAIKATO

Gordonton—Quiz. Present 9 (16).

Horsham Downs—I. Wards spoke on artificial breeding. Present 13 (27).

Matangi—R. B. Seabrook Ltd., Hamilton, showed films. Present 18 (27).

Orini—Representatives of Cable-Price Corporation Ltd., Hamilton, showed films. Present 10 (18).

Raglan District—Mr. R. Vernon, local farmer, gave a demonstration of killing and dressing a sheep in his woolshed at Te Mata. Present 36 (37).

Rotongaro—I. Werner, Victorian Young Farmer, spoke on Victoria. Present 12 (18).

Taupiri—Mr. P. J. Brumby, Research Officer, Ruakura Animal Research Station, spoke on experimental work on identical twin calves. Present 14 (20).

Te Kowhai—Mr. D. M. Smith, Research Officer, Ruakura Animal Research Station, spoke on pigs. Present 11 (20).

HAURAKI

Hikutaia—Mr. R. B. Shepherd, representative, Paterson and Company Ltd., Auckland, showed films. Present 19 (26).

Tirohia—Mr. H. Montgomerie, field supervisor, New Zealand Pig Marketing Association, gave a lantern lecture on the pig industry. Present 14 (15).

FRANKLIN

Patumahoe—Mr. M. N. Walbran, Fields Instructor, and Mr. A. M. Doggett, Livestock Instructor, Pukekohe, showed films. Present 19 (33).

Wesley College—Mr. M. N. Walbran showed films. Present 12 (19).

Waiapu—Mr. A. G. Gordon, Traffic Officer, New Zealand Transport Department, Pukekohe, spoke on traffic regulations. Present 7 (16).

Waiuku—Mr. M. N. Walbran showed films. Present 19 (35).

AUCKLAND CENTRAL

East Tamaki—Mr. J. F. Till, Instructor in Agriculture, Auckland, spoke on animal genetics. Present 19 (21).

Hunua—Mr. K. Richardson spoke on Federated Farmers. Present 13 (17).

Karaka—Mr. D. Rowlands, Empire single sculls champion, gave a lantern lecture on the Empire Games. Present 23 (42).

Manurewa—Messrs. Lees brothers, Papakura, showed films.

Upper Franklin—Mr. R. G. Young, clerk, Franklin County Council, spoke on by-laws. Present 15 (32).

WAITEMATA

Albany—D. Dennis spoke on artificial breeding and R. Dennis spoke on well drilling. Present 11 (16).

Kaukapakapa—Mr. F. Jones, senior advisory member, spoke on progress of farming during the last 25 years. Present 18 (25).

Silverdale—Dr. Tyndall spoke on nutrition for dry cows and yearlings. Present 14 (18).

Excerpts from District Committee Minutes

NORTHERN KING COUNTRY—Minutes of Auckland Council discussed. Chairman reported on 10-a-side football tournament and district match with Waipa. One candidate for exchange with Western Australia. Mr. Gilmour outlined the high school scheme for training boys on farms. L. J. Laurensen, chairman, stated he wished to resign because of personal commitments. M. Warriner was elected new chairman; R. Byles, vice-chairman. Sub-committee to go into financial position. Present 11.

MATAMATA—District members to visit Ruakura Animal Research Station. Arrangements made for ploughing match. Pasture judging competition to be held in October. Wardville Club to organise district machinery demonstration. Hinuera Club delegates reported on broadcast from 1Y.Z. I. Harris reported on annual dinner. Chairman reported on inter-district debate between Tirau Club (Matamata) and Paengaroa Club (Western Bay of Plenty), won by Paengaroa. Mr. Mossop spoke on the poor entries in Y.F.C. classes of the Matamata A. and P. Association's show. Auckland Council's agenda discussed. Present 12.

WAITEMATA—District secretary reported on quarterly meeting of council at Rotorua. Chairman stated that the machinery demonstration was being held in conjunction with Kumeu Show Society. Programme booklet discussed. Waimauku B won the B grade debating competition. Radio talk to be delivered in November. Present 10.

RODNEY—W. Regnault reported on the Auckland Council meeting. Chairman gave summary of the annual meeting of federation. Selection committee elected. Reports received from Hakaru, Matakana, Tomorata, Warkworth, and Wellsford clubs. Decided to support Auckland Council policy sub-committee's recommendations. J. Auld reported on district dinner. Hakaru Club won rifle shoot. Matakana Club won the northern area section of council debating. Mr. Burke reported on club investigation committee. Decided to hold leadership meeting early next year. Land settlement discussed. J. R. Wilson reported on the activities of the Northland District Pig Council. Auckland Council agenda discussed. Decided to hold district meetings bi-monthly. Present 22.

KAIKOHE—Club reports received. Decided to donate £3 3s. to exchange fund appeal. Unit histories discussed. Secretary reported weak position of the Waipapa-Kerikeri Club. Present 7.

FAR NORTH—Programme booklet discussed. Mr. Webber outlined the farm apprenticeship scheme. S. Shirley spoke on I.F.Y.E. Scheme. Remit, "That a target of £1000 be aimed at

Waimauku—Representative of Caltex Oil New Zealand Ltd. showed films. Present 18 (32).

RODNEY

Hakaru—Two meetings. Mr. Illingworth spoke on radio and television. Present 15. Members of the district visiting sub-committee spoke on Y.F.C. affairs. Present 20 (26).

Matakana—Two meetings. Mr. C. M. Blick, Fields Instructor, Warkworth, spoke on the fertiliser industry. Present 17. Mr. C. M. Blick showed films, 45 members and Country Girls attended.

Tomorata—Three members gave talks. Present 8 (26).

KAIKOHE

Okaihau—Mr. N. A. Clarke, Instructor in Agriculture, Kaitake, showed films. Present 11 (24).

Towai—Mr. J. Wheeler, supervisor, Northland Pig Council, spoke on pig husbandry. Present 12 (20).

FAR NORTH

Umuwera—I. Werner, Victorian Young Farmer, spoke on Victoria. Present 17 (17).

Waiharara—S. Shirley, Kaitake Club, gave a lantern lecture on his trip to America and Europe under the I.F.Y.E. Scheme. Present 14 (14).

to support I.F.Y.E. Scheme, and that each council be allotted a proportion obtainable on a district ratio basis", carried. Present 14.

MANAWATU—Oroua Downs Club was reported to be revived. Craig efficiency contest and exchange appeal fund discussed. Sub-committee appointed to go into question of giving one member from each club full voting rights at federation annual meetings. Steps taken to give Y.F.C. more publicity; clubs urged to do likewise. Decided to support drafting of separate set of rules for junior debating but not the suggested alteration to speakers' times. Decided to hold rodeo in abeyance for 2 or 3 years. Present 21.

CHRISTCHURCH—Remit, "That all clubs be forwarded a copy of all Dominion Executive Committee minutes, including the annual general meeting", was carried. Clubs urged to contribute to exchange appeal fund and to complete unit histories. Report received on annual ball. Pasture judging competition cancelled for this year; clubs urged to support Avon Club competition. Country clubs urged to invite school clubs to their activities where possible. Report received on show bay arrangements. Five billets offered for visitors during show week. Decided to try to arrange an outward tour to Western Southland or Rodney and that Gisborne-East Coast be invited in 1956. Present 18.

SOUTH OTAGO—Meeting against granting voting rights to one member from each club at federation annual general meetings. Reports received on South and Western Australian exchange selections. Present placing of clubs in district efficiency contest announced. Land settlement discussed. Reports received on last council meeting, winter show bay, South Island ploughing match. Remits carried were, "That the council provide a small trophy for highest individual aggregate over all classes of council stock judging" and "That the council endeavour to obtain a perpetual trophy for winning team at council stock judging". Decided to arrange a leadership function. Present 28.

EASTERN SOUTHLAND—Decided not to support recommendation giving full voting rights to one member from each club at federation annual general meetings. Invitation to take part in billeted tour of Timaru in May or June 1956 accepted. Clubs urged to subscribe to exchange fund appeal and to complete their unit histories by end of year. Reports received on winter show bay, selections, rifle shooting contest, table tennis, and 7-a-side football tournament. Decided that programme booklets be printed for period May-April each year. Stewards and assistants for A. and P. show arranged. Present 31.

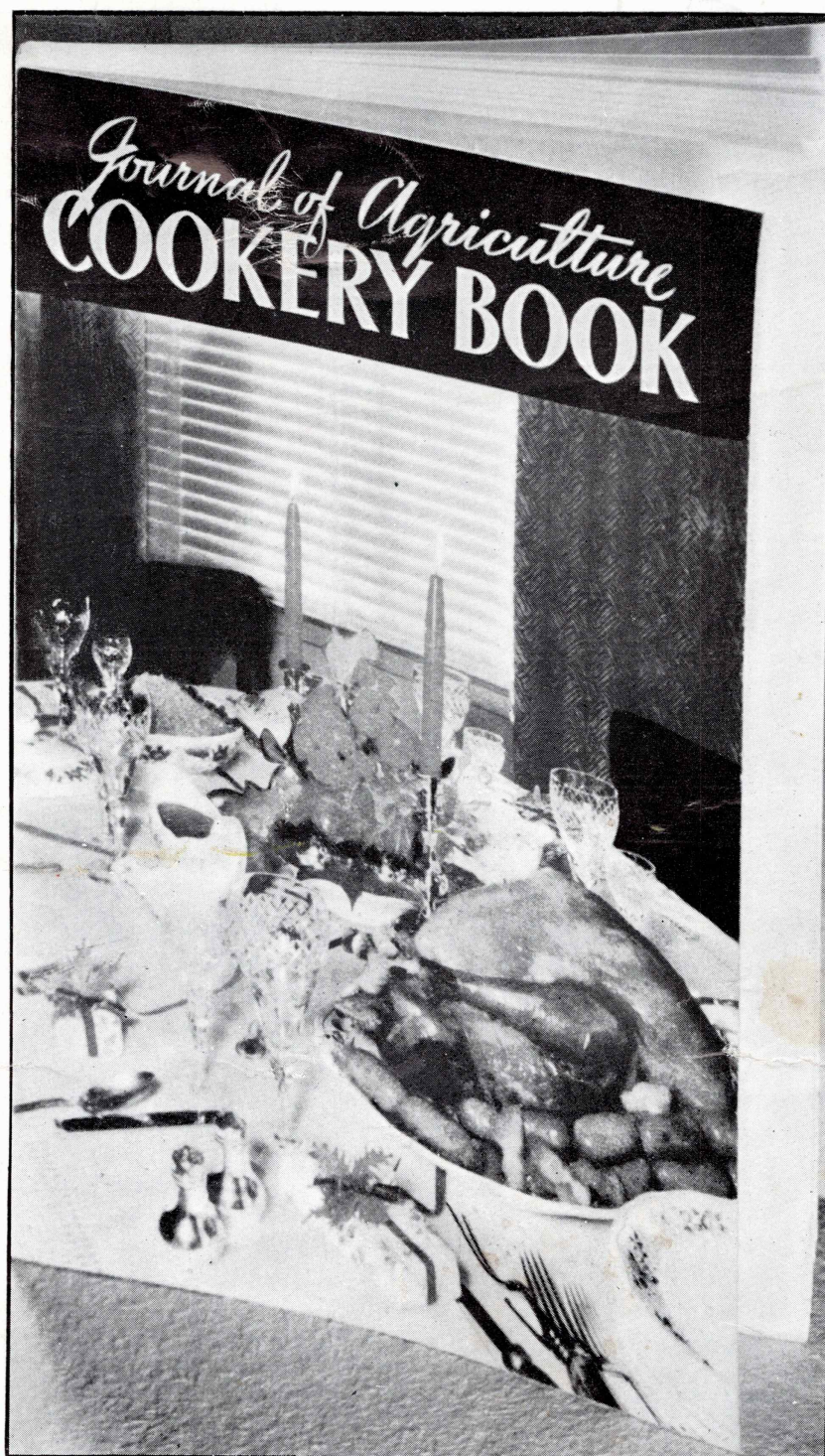
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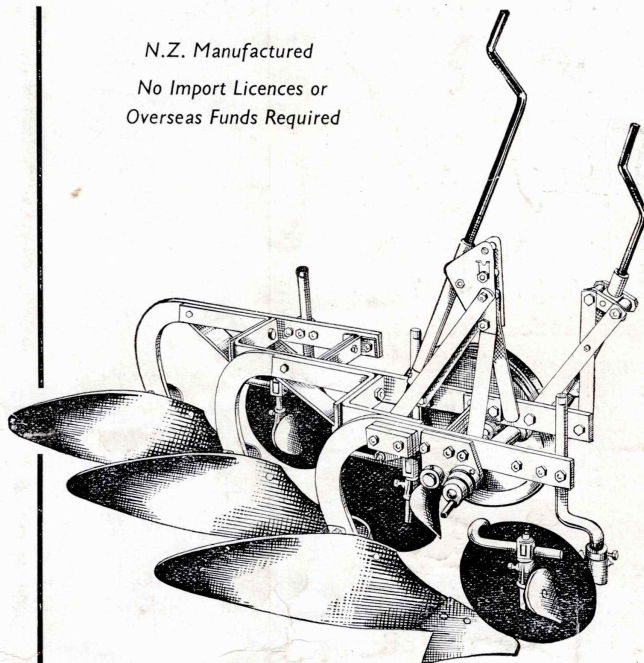
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